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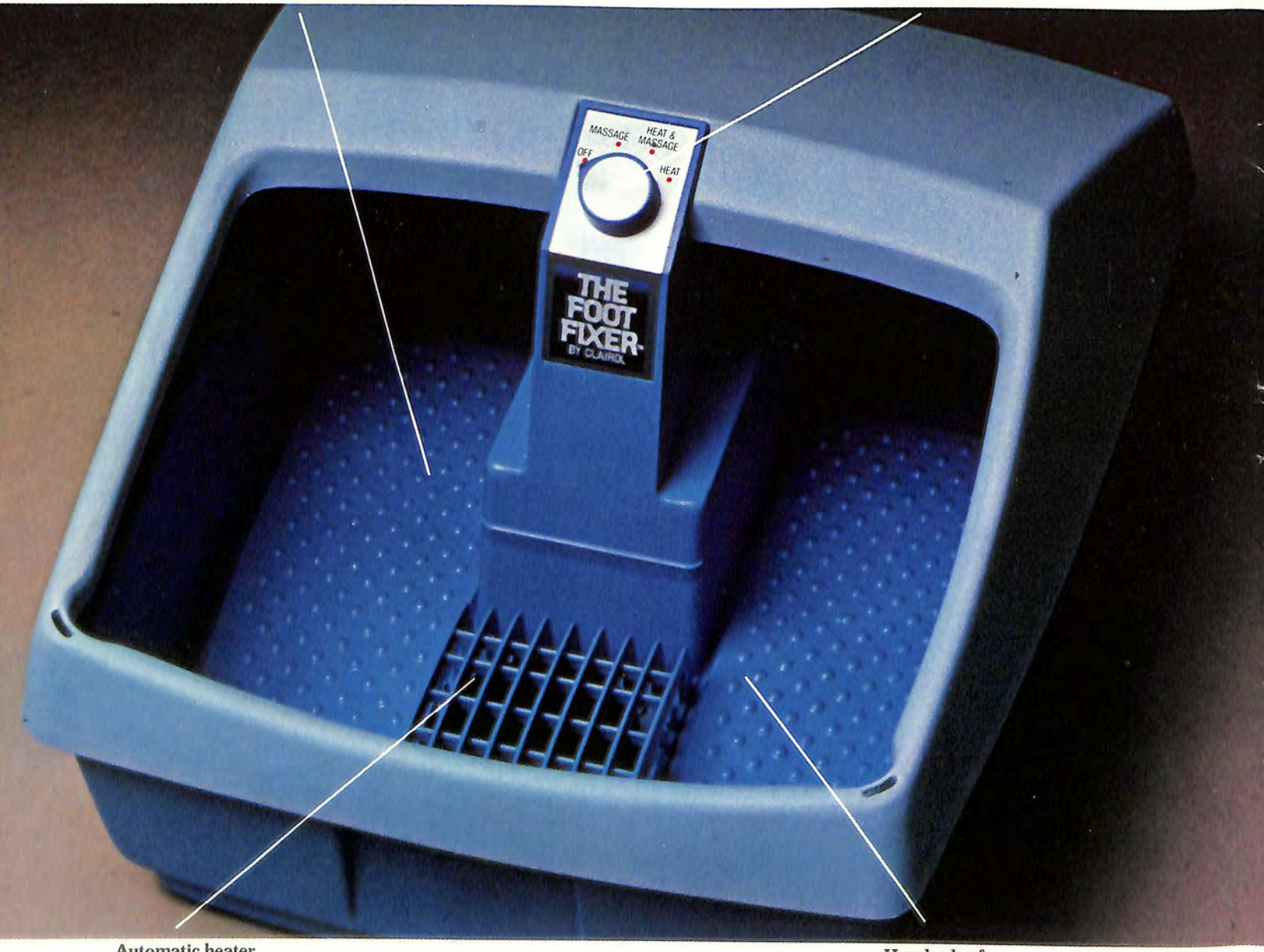

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1983 PROMOTION DATES

EVENT	DATE
Opening Day Celebration	Tuesday, April 5
Getty Team Calendar Weekend	Saturday-Sunday, April 9-10
Official Bat Day (15 & under) Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co.	Sunday, May 1
Seat Cushion Night (16 & older) Yago Sant'Gria	Saturday, May 7
Team Helmet Day (15 & under) Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co.	Sunday, May 22
Official Cap Weekend	Saturday-Sunday, June 11-12
Team Jersey Weekend (15 & under) Thorn Apple Valley	Saturday-Sunday, June 25-26
Fireworks Night	Saturday, July 9
Oldtimers' Day	Saturday, July 30
Banner Day	Sunday, July 31
Sports Bag Night	Saturday, August 13
Tankard Night (16 & older) Budweiser	Friday, August 26
Travel Tote Bag Night	Saturday, September 3
Team Picture Weekend Thorn Apple Valley	Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 17-18
Mets Hall of Fame Day	Sunday, September 18
Fan Appreciation Day Coca-Cola	Saturday, October 1

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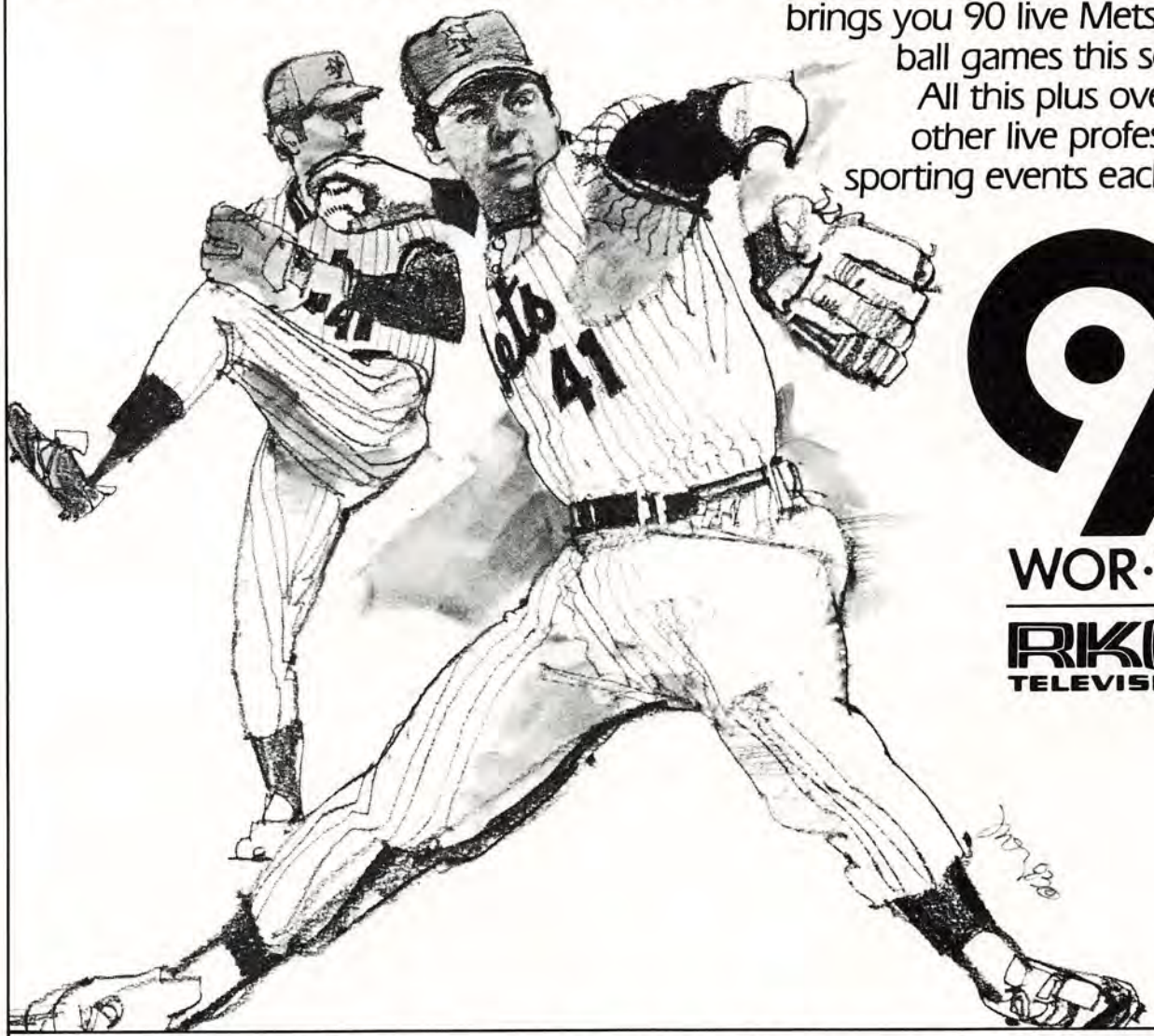

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Mr. Doubleday and George Bamberger accept the Mayor's Trophy following last year's win over the Yankees on May 27 at Yankee Stadium.

Nelson Doubleday

Chairman of the Board

Nelson Doubleday, Jr., the Chairman of the Board of the New York Mets and the President of Doubleday & Company, is the great-great nephew of the legendary founder of the game of baseball, Abner D. Doubleday.

Doubleday, a 49-year old native New Yorker, received his B.A. Degree from Princeton University and served in the United States Air Force for three years before joining Doubleday & Company in 1959. He was named Vice President of that company in 1963 and elected President in 1978.

Doubleday & Company was founded by Frank N. Doubleday, Nelson's grandfather, in 1897. His father, Nelson Doubleday, Sr., headed the firm until his death in 1949. It is a diversified communications corporation which owns a book publishing house, a national chain of book shops, a textbook publishing house, broadcasting stations, manufacturing plants and a variety of book clubs, including The Literary Guild.

Doubleday & Company purchased controlling interest in the Mets on January 24, 1980. The purchase price was reportedly in excess of $21 million dollars and was a record amount ever paid for a baseball club to that point. Prior to that time, the franchise was owned by the Joan Whitney Payson family, who started the National League expansion franchise in 1962.

Mr. Wilpon with two of New York's most popular Hall-of-Famers Monte Irvin (left) and Roy Campanella.

Fred Wilpon

President

Fred Wilpon, 46-years old, became the President of the Mets following the purchase of the club.

The Brooklyn, NY native has been closely identified with the game of baseball since his days as a youngster when he pitched batting practice for the Dodgers at Ebbets Field.

A lefthander, he pitched for Lafayette High School, whose first baseman happened to be Sandy Koufax.

Wilpon is a Trustee of the Greenvale School in Greenvale, NY, a Trustee of the Jewish Institute of Geriatric Care, and a Trustee of the Human Resources Center in Long Island. Wilpon is also a member of the Young Presidents Organization and a Director of both the New York City Convention and Visitors' Bureau and the USO of Metropolitan New York.

Wilpon's business, Sterling Equities Inc., is a real estate owner and developer firm. The corporation is involved in concept, planning and construction of office and residential developments throughout the United States.

Fred and his wife Judy have three children, Jeff, 21, Robin, 18 and Bruce, 15. Judy Wilpon, incidentally, was a member of the office staff of the original Mets of 1962. Jeff, a catcher, was drafted by the Montreal Expos last January, and is currently in the Expos' farm system.

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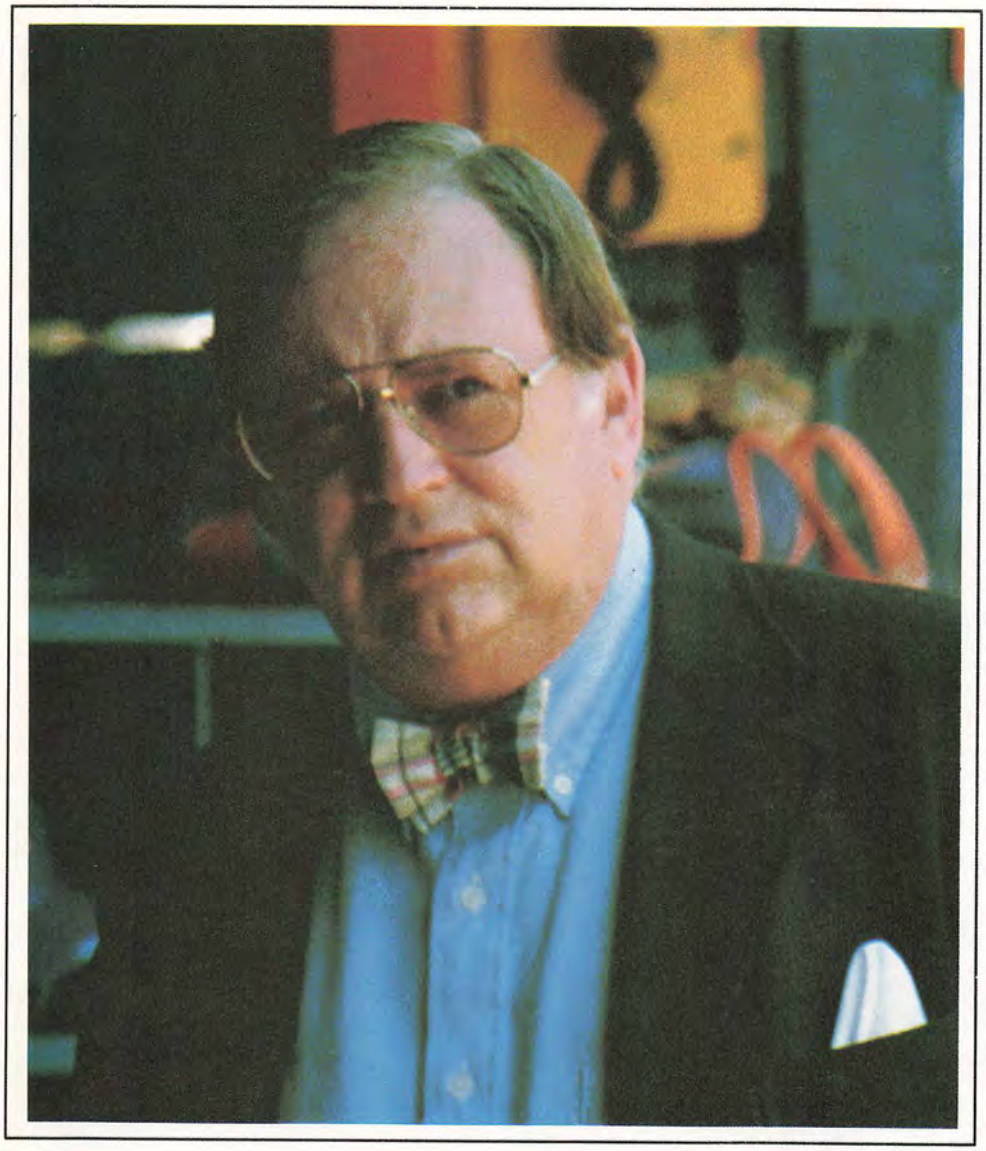

J. Frank Cashen
General Manager

Frank Cashen is one of a vanishing breed in baseball.

While most general managers today concern themselves solely with what happens between the baselines, Cashen as Executive Vice President, General Manager and Chief Operating Officer, oversees the entire operation. His background in both sports and business, certainly qualifies him for the task.

Firstly, Cashen holds a Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Maryland. He spent 15 years as a sportswriter and columnist, held various positions with a pair of breweries including V.P. Marketing and Sales and Director of Advertising, and was the General Manager of two race tracks.

Cashen was Executive Vice President of the Orioles for 10 years from 1965-75, and the club won four pennants and two World Championships during his tenure. He was the Administrator of Baseball in the Commissioner's Office prior to joining the Mets in 1980, directing the day-to-day activities of the major leagues, as well as the All-Star Game and World Series.

In three years, Cashen has taken numerous steps in rebuilding the franchise. He has acquired players like Dave Kingman, George Foster and Tom Seaver, and the Mets' revitalized farm system is now one of the most respected in baseball.

Cashen has supervised an energetic marketing program which holds the fan's enjoyment of Mets baseball as the first priority. Stadium improvements have delighted the fan at the ballpark, and revisions in the broadcast of Mets' games are sure to produce similar results.

From his first day on the job, Frank Cashen has stressed that it would take time for the Mets to regain their position atop the N.L. standings. But the foundation has now been laid, and 1983 should be the season that his efforts begin to pay off for fans of the New York Mets.

In the office: Mr. Cashen relies heavily on the advice of the Vice Presidents of the Mets: Seated–Al Harazin, V.P. (left) and Lou Gorman, V.P. Baseball Operations (right); Standing (L to R)–Jim Nagourney, V.P. Administration, and Harry O'Shaughnessy, V.P. & Controller.

Frank HOWARD

MANAGER

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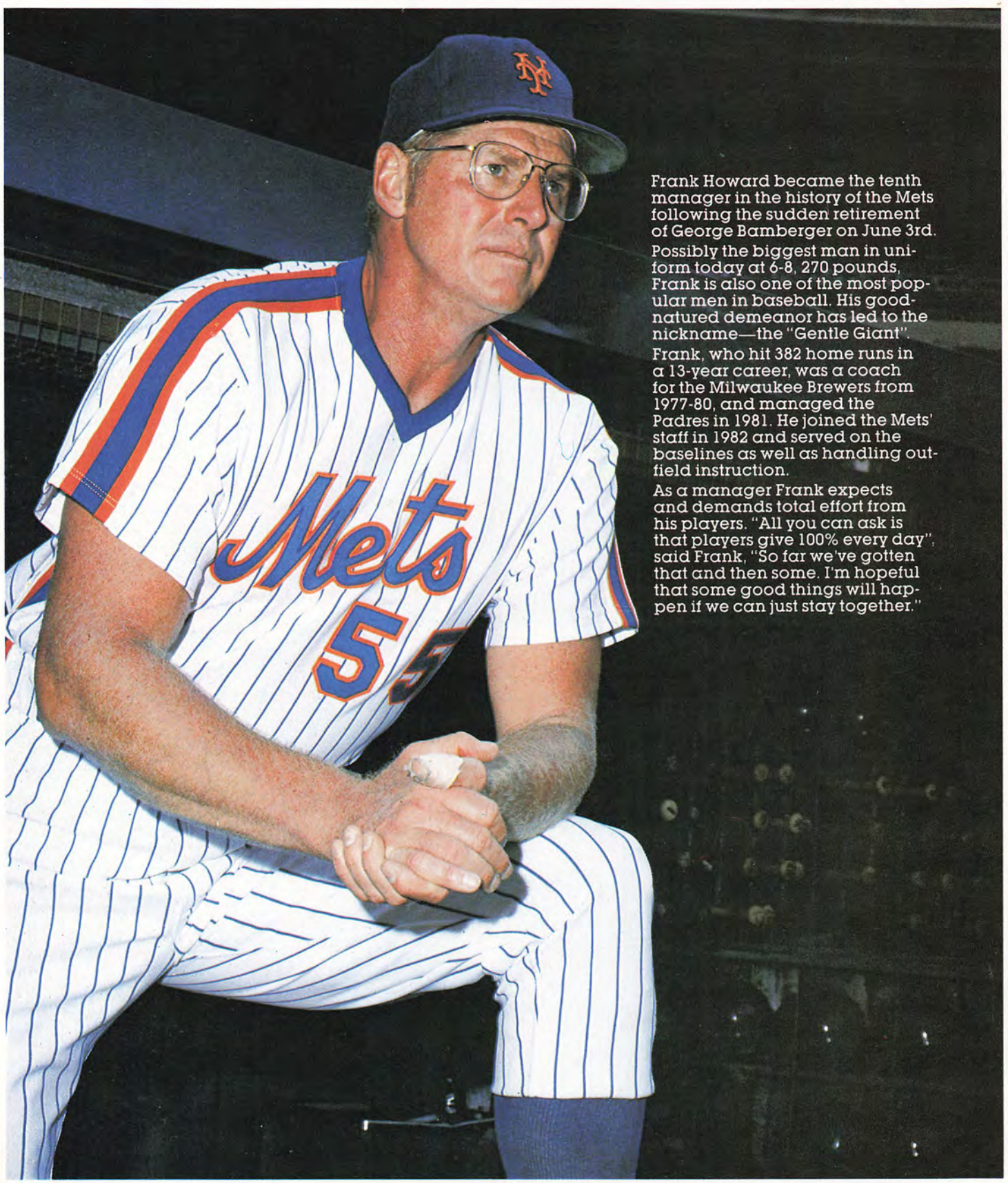


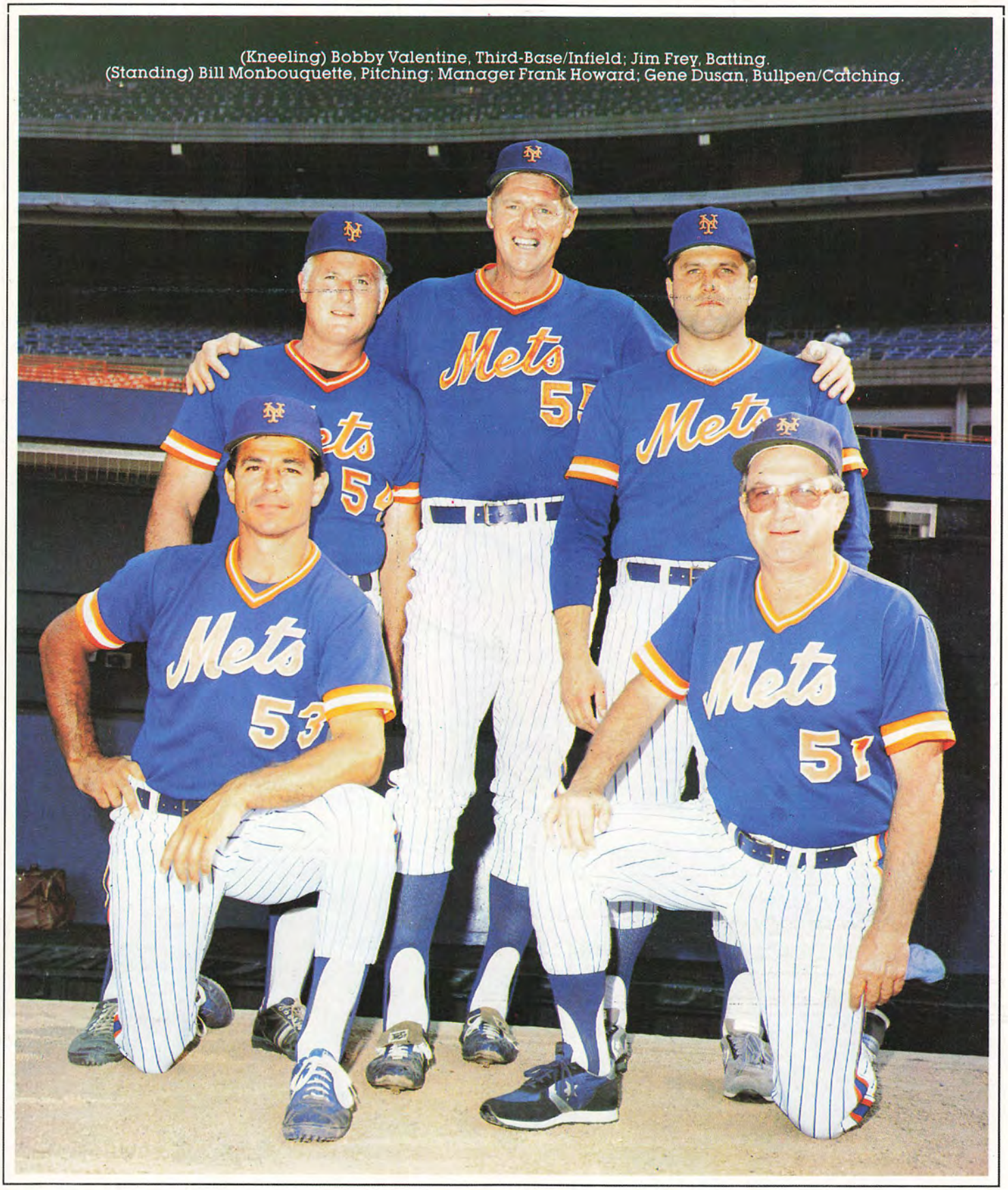
Frank Howard became the tenth manager in the history of the Mets following the sudden retirement of George Bamberger on June 3rd.

Possibly the biggest man in uniform today at 6-8, 270 pounds, Frank is also one of the most popular men in baseball. His good-natured demeanor has led to the nickname—the "Gentle Giant".

Frank, who hit 382 home runs in a 13-year career, was a coach for the Milwaukee Brewers from 1977-80, and managed the Padres in 1981. He joined the Mets' staff in 1982 and served on the baselines as well as handling outfield instruction.

As a manager Frank expects and demands total effort from his players. "All you can ask is that players give 100% every day", said Frank, "So far we've gotten that and then some. I'm hopeful that some good things will happen if we can just stay together."

COACHES



(Kneeling) Bobby Valentine, Third-Base/Infield; Jim Frey, Batting.
(Standing) Bill Monbouquette, Pitching; Manager Frank Howard; Gene Dusan, Bullpen/Catching.

SEAVER HISTORY

'67

Tom Seaver, 22-years-old, is introduced to Shea Stadium by manager Wes Westrum. Tom posted a 16-13 record that season and won Rookie-of-the-Year honors.

'68

Tom, Jerry Grote and Jerry Koosman represented the Mets in the All-Star Game won 1-0 by the National League. Tom, who was selected eight more times as a Met, won 16 games in his second year in the majors.

'69

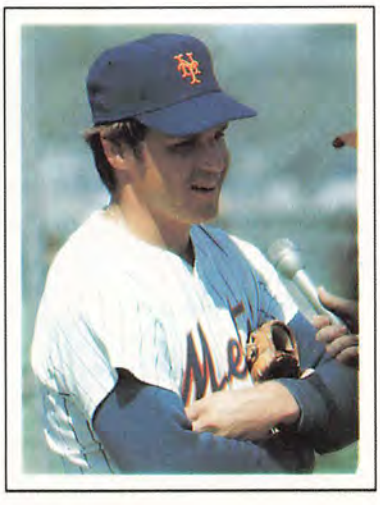
Tom wins his first Cy Young Award in leading the Mets to the '69 World Championship on the strength of his 25-7 season.

'70

On April 22 at Shea, Tom set Major League strikeout records by striking out 10 consecutive Padres and 18 in the game. He won the N.L. ERA and strikeout titles that year for the first time in his career.

'71

In possibly his best season ever, Tom was 20-10 with a league leading 1.76 ERA. He led the league with a career high 289 strikeouts, and recorded 21 complete games.



'72

Tom posts his second straight "20-win" season with a 21-12 record.

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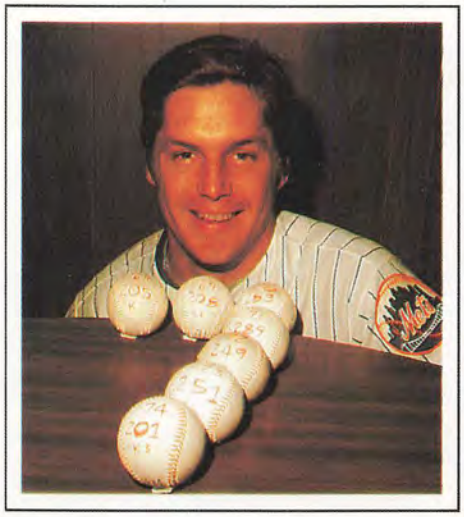
'73

Tom won his second Cy Young with a 19-10 record and a 2.08 ERA. He led the Mets to their second N.L. pennant, and struckout 251 to lead the league.

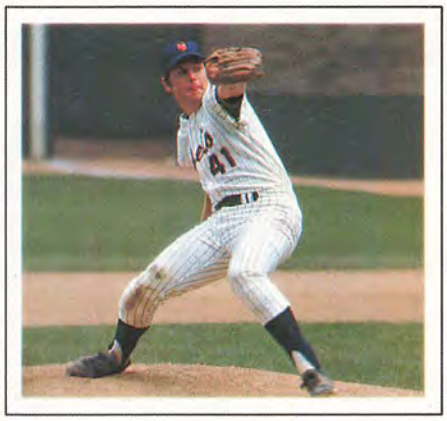


'74

Tom recorded 200 or more strikeouts for the seventh straight season, but struggled with injuries and finished the year with an 11-11 record.

'75

Tom added his third Cy Young in 1975 when he was 22-9, and led the league in strikeouts for the fourth time in his career.

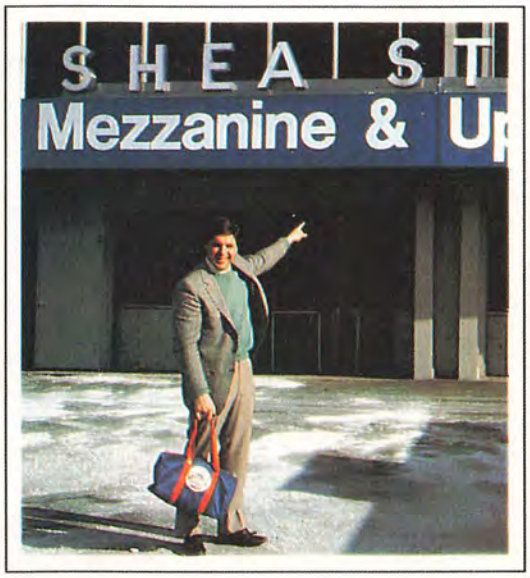


'76

Tom was 14-11 and led the league in strikeouts for the fifth time in seven years. It marked the 9th consecutive season he struck out 200 or more batters, a N.L. record that stands today.

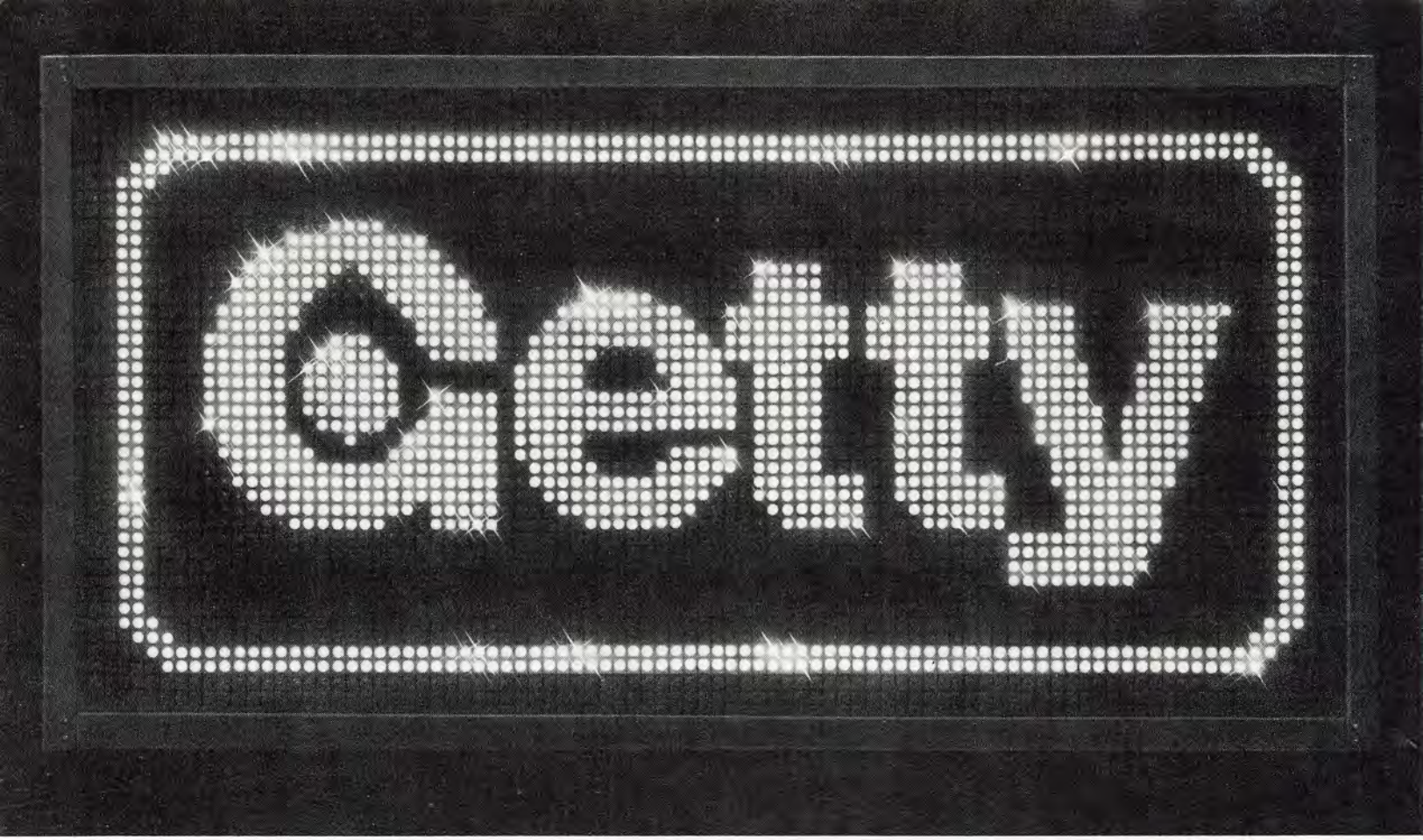
'77-'82

Tom was traded to the Reds on June 15, 1977, for four players. He won 75 games in five and a half years with Cincinnati, and along the way recorded his 3000th career strikeout. After throwing five one-hitters with the Mets, he posted his first, and only, no-hitter on April 19, 1981 against the Cardinals.



'83

Tom Seaver returns to Shea. After experiencing his first losing season ever in 1982 with the Reds, Tom hopes to regain the form which has made him a certain Hall-of-Famer.



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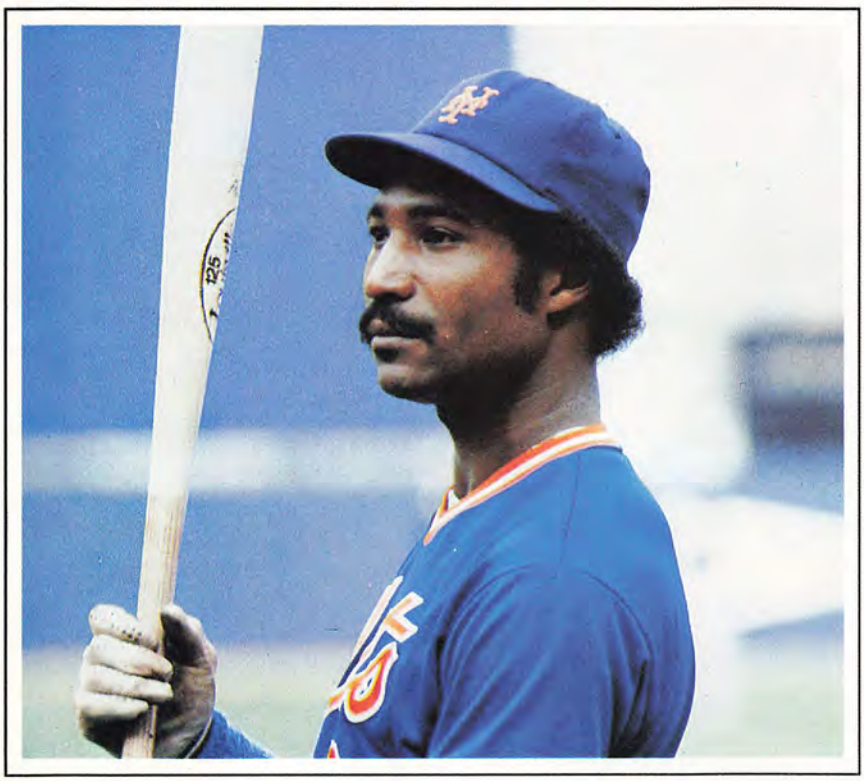
11 INFIELD Tucker ASHFORD

When you look at what Tucker Ashford did in 1982 at Columbus, it's no wonder Frank Cashen traded a pair of promising minor leaguers to the Yankees to put him in a Mets' uniform.

Tucker, 28-years-old, was simply the best player in the International League last season. He hit .331 with 10 homers and 101 RBI's and was named to the league and Class AAA all-star teams at third-base. He was also named the International League's Most Valuable Player.

San Diego's first choice in the 1974 draft, Tucker has played for four teams in the majors—the Padres, Rangers, Yankees and Mets. He can play all four infield positions, and even be used as an emergency catcher.

Mark BRADLEY OUTFIELD 9



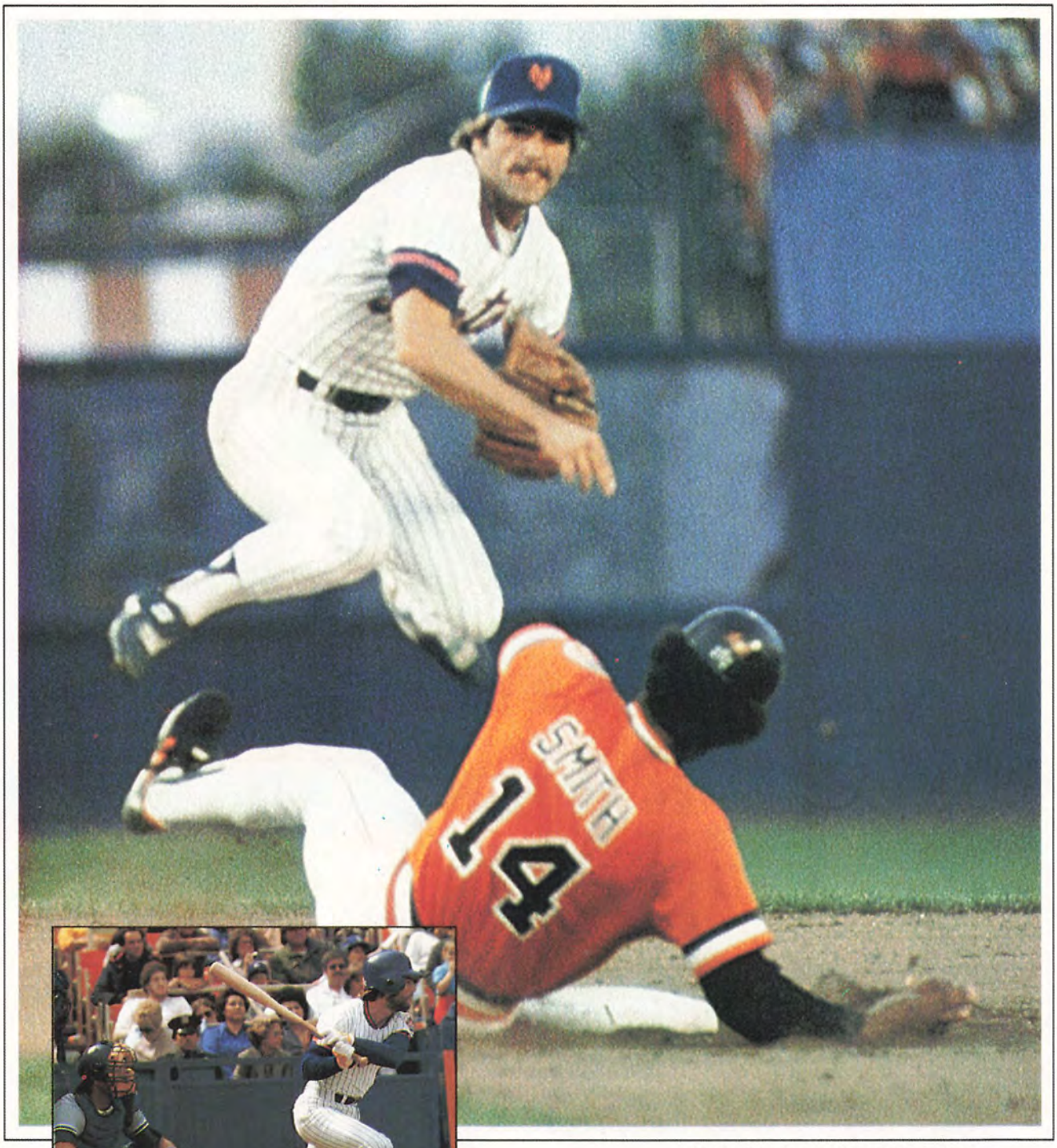
Confronted this spring with a roster overloaded with left-hand hitters, G.M. Frank Cashen went looking for a right-hand hitter to balance the lineup. He found his man in 27-year-old Mark Bradley.

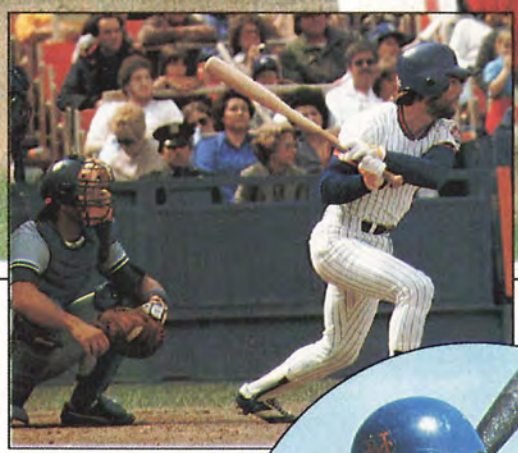
Mark was the #1 draft choice of the Dodgers in 1975 and spent eight years in their farm system. He enjoyed his finest season last year at Albuquerque hitting .317 with 12 homers, 101 RBI's, and 50 stolen bases. Mark played briefly for Los Angeles in '81 and '82.

So far this season, Mark has been used in a platoon role, as a "spot starter", and has blasted two pinch homers.

Wally BACKMAN 6

INFIELD





Wally Backman hit a solid .272 last year, his first full season in the big leagues. His season was cut short following a game on August 13 when he broke his collarbone in a freak bicycle accident.

Wally, who started 88 games at second base last year, was the middle man in the Mets' first triple play since 1966 on August 3 at Chicago. The 5-9 infielder also joined Ron Hunt, Tommie Agee and Doug Flynn as the only Mets to hit inside-the-park homers at Shea. Wally connected off the Pirates' Enrique Romo on July 31.

A valuable batter early in the lineup, Wally finished eighth in the league with a .387 on-base average.

Bob BAILOR

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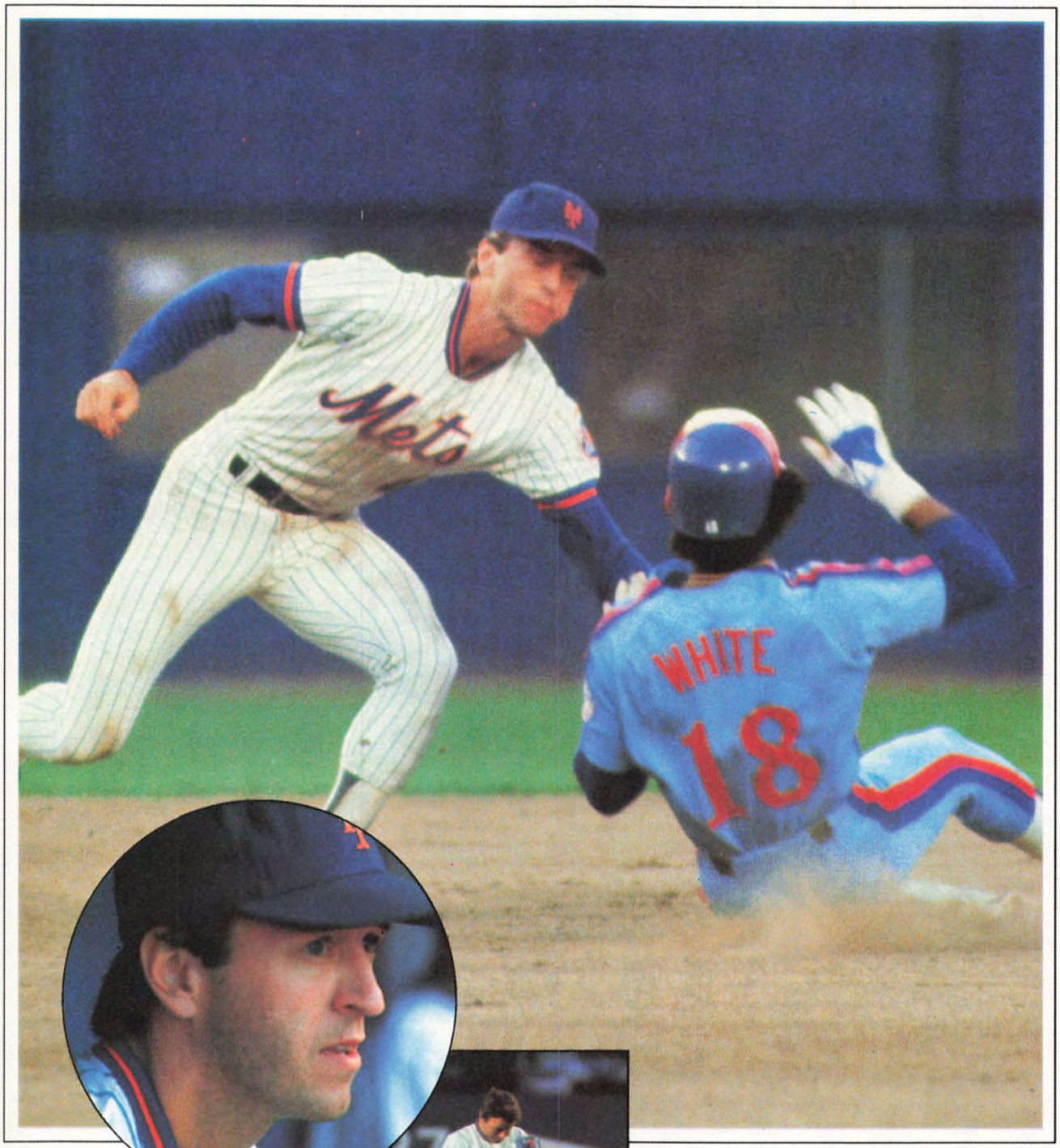

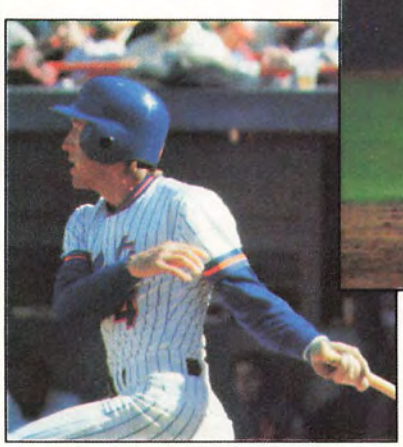

To assess Bob Bailor's value to the Mets, you look no farther than the facts.

Bob started 86 games in '82—40 games at second, 30 at shortstop, 16 at third, and appeared in four games in the outfield. He hit .462 as a pinch-hitter, stole a career high 20 bases in 23 attempts, and his .359 average versus lefthanders was second in the league.

Need more? Bob's strikeout ratio—just 4.21 times per 100 at bats—was third best in the league, and he was one of five N.L. players to score four runs in a game last year. He also hit .636 against Steve Carlton with seven hits in 11 at bats.

It's clear that Bob Bailor is invaluable to the Mets, and it's also obvious why many feel he is the most versatile player in the game today.

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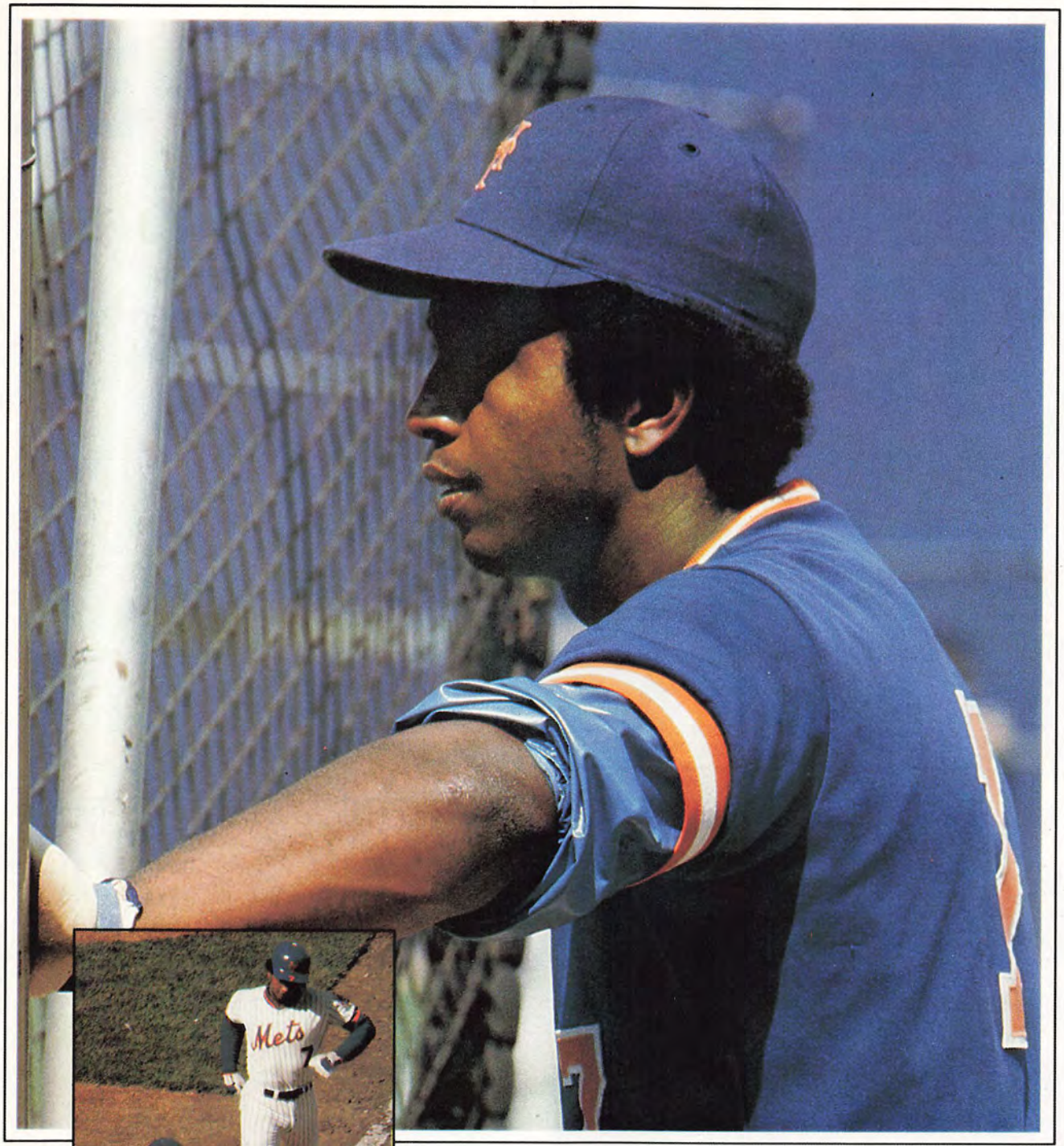
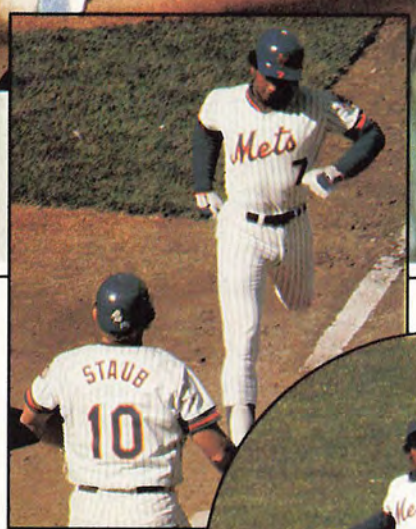




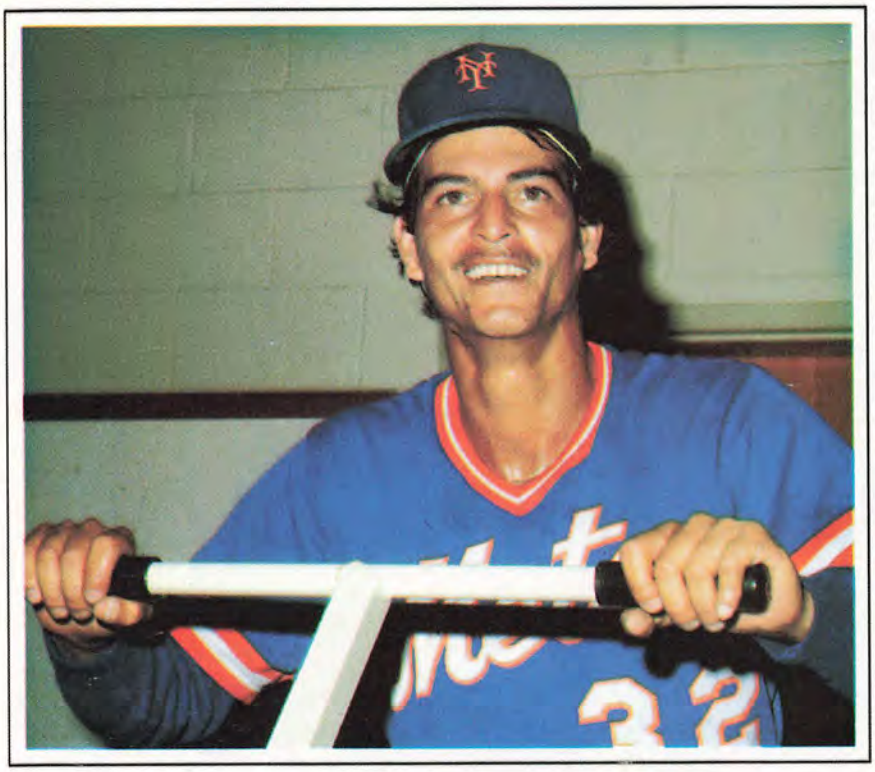
Hubie Brooks would like to forget the 1982 season.

Plagued last year by a hamstring pull from June through the end of the season, the 26-year-old third-baseman slumped from a .307 year in 1981 when he was voted the team's MVP, to a .249 campaign in '82. He wasted no time in getting things straightened out for 1983, reporting to St. Petersburg after the season to work with hitting coach Jim Frey in the Florida Instructional League.

Despite his problems last year, Hubie knocked in seven game-winners, second on the Mets to Dave Kingman. He also tied a club mark when he had three doubles in a game on August 6 at Pittsburgh.

Carlos DIAZ

PITCHER 32



Carlos Diaz, born and raised in Hawaii, was acquired from the Braves last year on September 11 for pitcher Tom Hausman.

Carlos began the '82 season at Richmond (Int'l League) and was 3-4 with a 2.53 ERA and nine saves in 31 games. When Joe Torre and his Western Division Champ Atlanta Braves needed a lefthander in July, he was recalled from Richmond. In two months with Atlanta, he contributed three wins and a save before being traded to the Mets.

Carlos, 25, didn't allow a run in four relief appearances with the Mets. Originally signed by the Seattle Mariners, he went to the Braves in the Jeff Burroughs deal in 1981.

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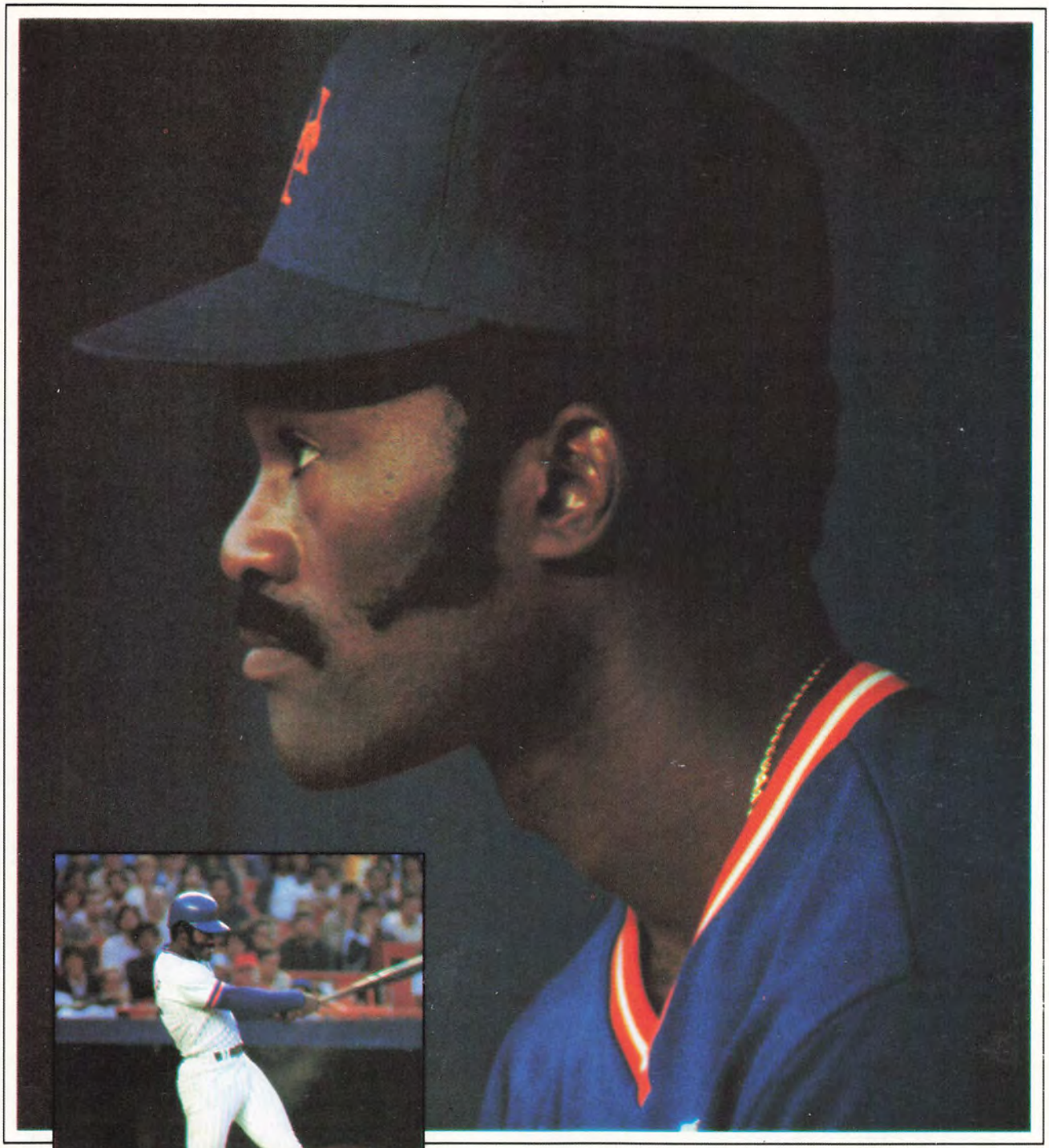


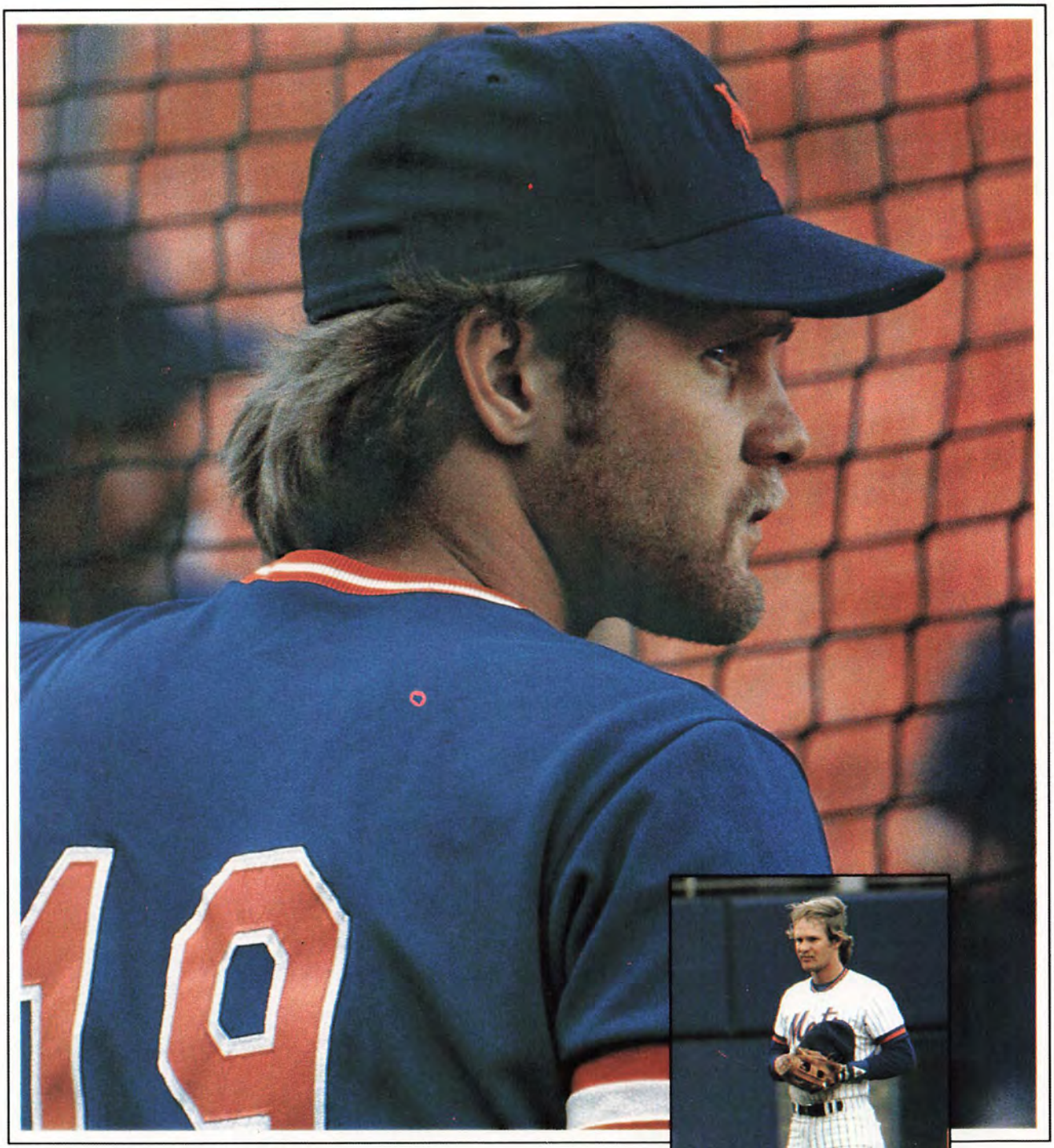
George Foster makes no excuses for what happened in 1982. His arrival last February was the most heralded acquisition in the history of the club, and he knows his 13 home-run, 70 RBI season disappointed a lot of people.

George averaged 33 homers and 112 RBI's from 1976 through 1981 with the Reds. One of the most prolific sluggers in the Seventies, he is confident that he will produce those type numbers this season. The pressures of 1982 are gone and he looks forward to the '83 campaign.

George, who twice led the league in homers and was the MVP in 1977, has hit 261 homers in 12 years in the majors, and needs 56 RBI's to reach the 1,000 career RBI plateau.

Ron GARDENHIRE 19

INFIELD



Ron Gardenhire passed the test in 1982. The aggressive infielder hit .240 in his rookie season and showed he can do the job at shortstop as well.

Ron got off to a great start last year after sharing the John J. Murphy Award with Charlie Puleo as the oustanding rookie in spring training. He hit .345 in April and hit safely in eight of his first nine games. In the field he committed 10 errors in the first 19 games, but then settled down and made just one error in a 31-game stretch from mid-May to late June.

Ron, 25-years-old from Wichita, KS, spent three years in the Mets' minor league system after being drafted out of the University of Texas.

Brian GILES

INFIELD

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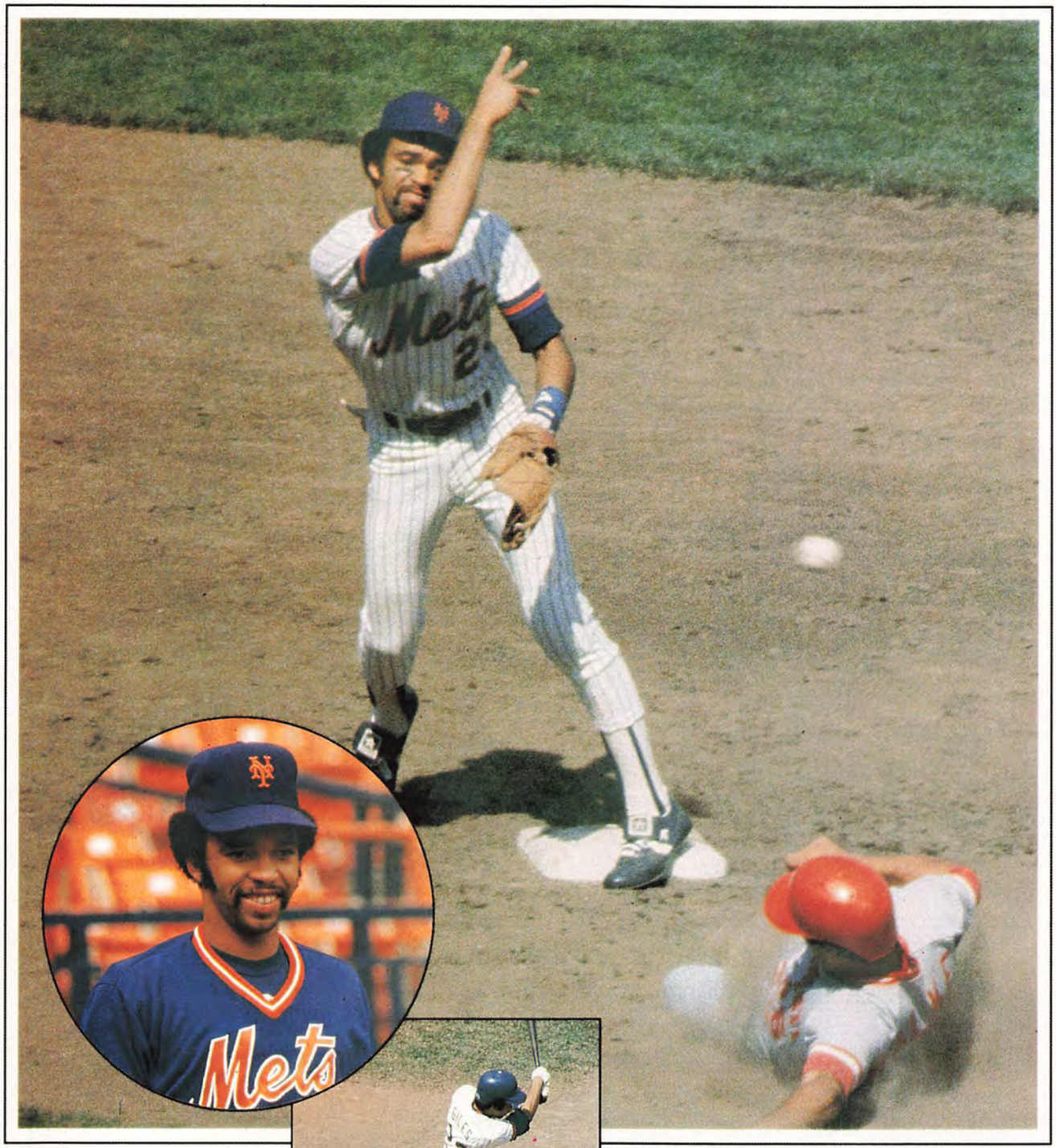

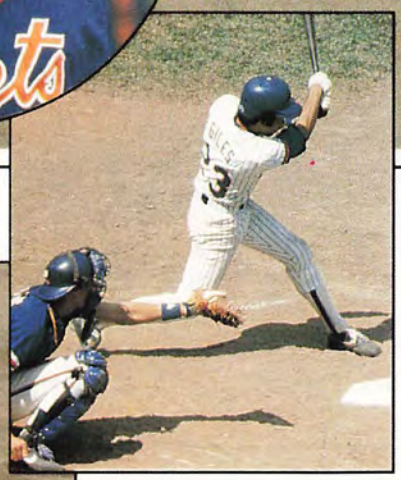

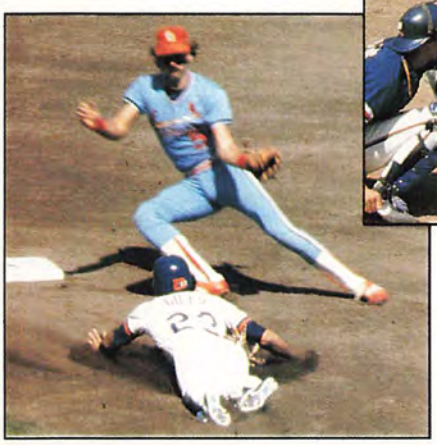

In 45 games with the Mets last season, Brian Giles showed New York fans why baseball people feel he'll become one of the best defensive second-basemen in the game.

Brian, who was with the Mets from August 15 till the end of the season, made just two errors and neither was committed on a ground ball. In a game against the Cubs on September 29 at Shea, he started the Mets' second triple play of the year. He snared Keith Moreland's line drive, stepped on second for the second out, then threw to first to complete the sixth triple play in Mets' history.

The 23-year-old San Diego, CA native, who was the 1982 MVP at Tidewater, has no doubts that he will be a productive hitter in the major leagues. He hit .266 and .278 in two seasons at Tidewater and broke the club record last year with 32 doubles.

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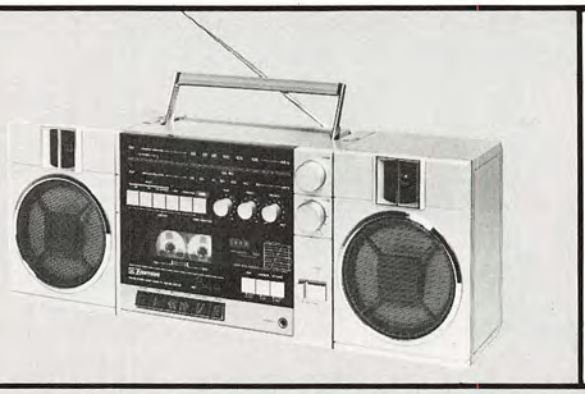

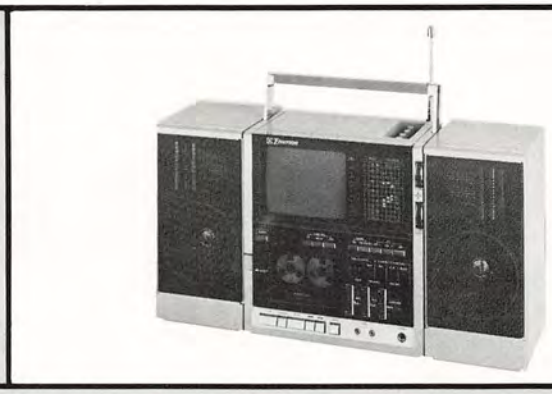

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45 PITCHER Brent GAFF

Brent Gaff has come a long way since his first season in professional baseball when he was 1-13 for Wausau (A) in 1978.

The righthander repeated the next year at Wausau and turned it around with a 10-5 record. In 1981, he had a combined 14-6 record at Jackson and Tidewater with 12 complete games. Last season he was recalled by the Mets in July after a 9-4 start at Tidewater.

In his major league debut on July 7 at Shea, he had the Giants shut out on three hits through seven innings before losing 3-2 on three unearned runs. He finished the year at Tidewater, but it's a good bet fans will see him back at Shea real soon.

Tom GORMAN PITCHER 29

The Mets were very happy to acquire Tom Gorman last August as the player-to-be-named later in the Joel Youngblood trade.

Tom, who was the Southern League's Fireman of the Year in '81 when he saved 22 games with Memphis, was used as a starter last year for the first time in his career and won eight games at Wichita (Montreal-AAA). After a brief stint at Tidewater, he reported to the Mets in September and was impressive in three appearances.

On a staff overloaded with right-hand pitching, the 25-year-old left-hander will draw much attention this year from the Mets' hierarchy.

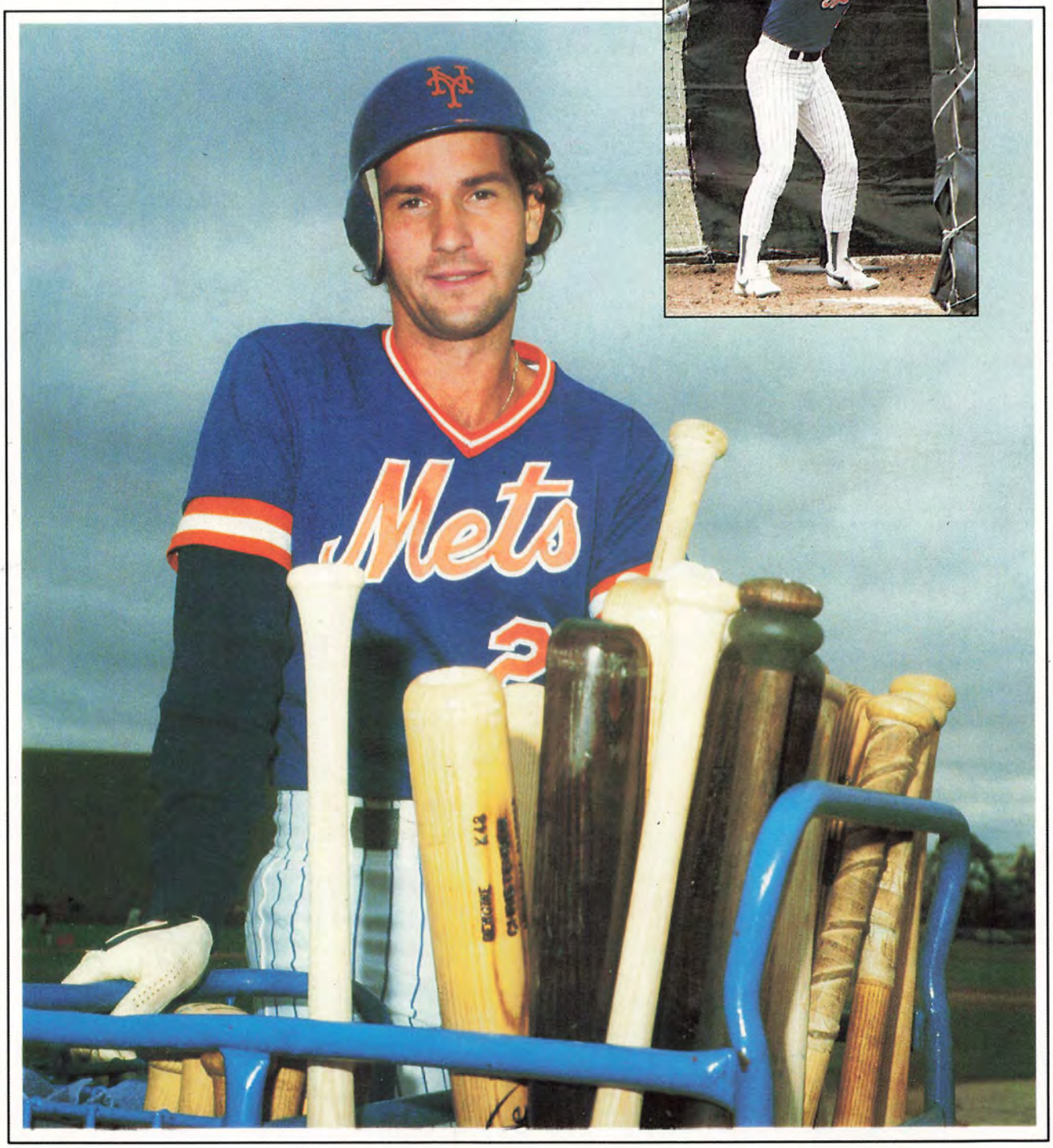
Danny HEEP

25 OUTFIELD

Danny Heep, acquired from Houston over the winter for pitcher Mike Scott, hopes to earn a starting role with the Mets in 1983.

In four stints in the minors with the Astros, the lefthand-hitter has proven that he can hit, posting averages of .340, .327, .343 and .337. In 165 games in the majors he sports a .246 average, but has never been given the chance to play on a regular basis. The 25-year-old Texan hit .237 with four homers in 85 games last year, but hopes this year he gets the chance to show what kind of a hitter he really is.

Danny, who was the Astros' second selection in the 1978 draft, was the MVP in the Southern League in 1979. In 1980 he was a teammate of Gary Rajsich at Tucson (AAA).



Ron HODGES

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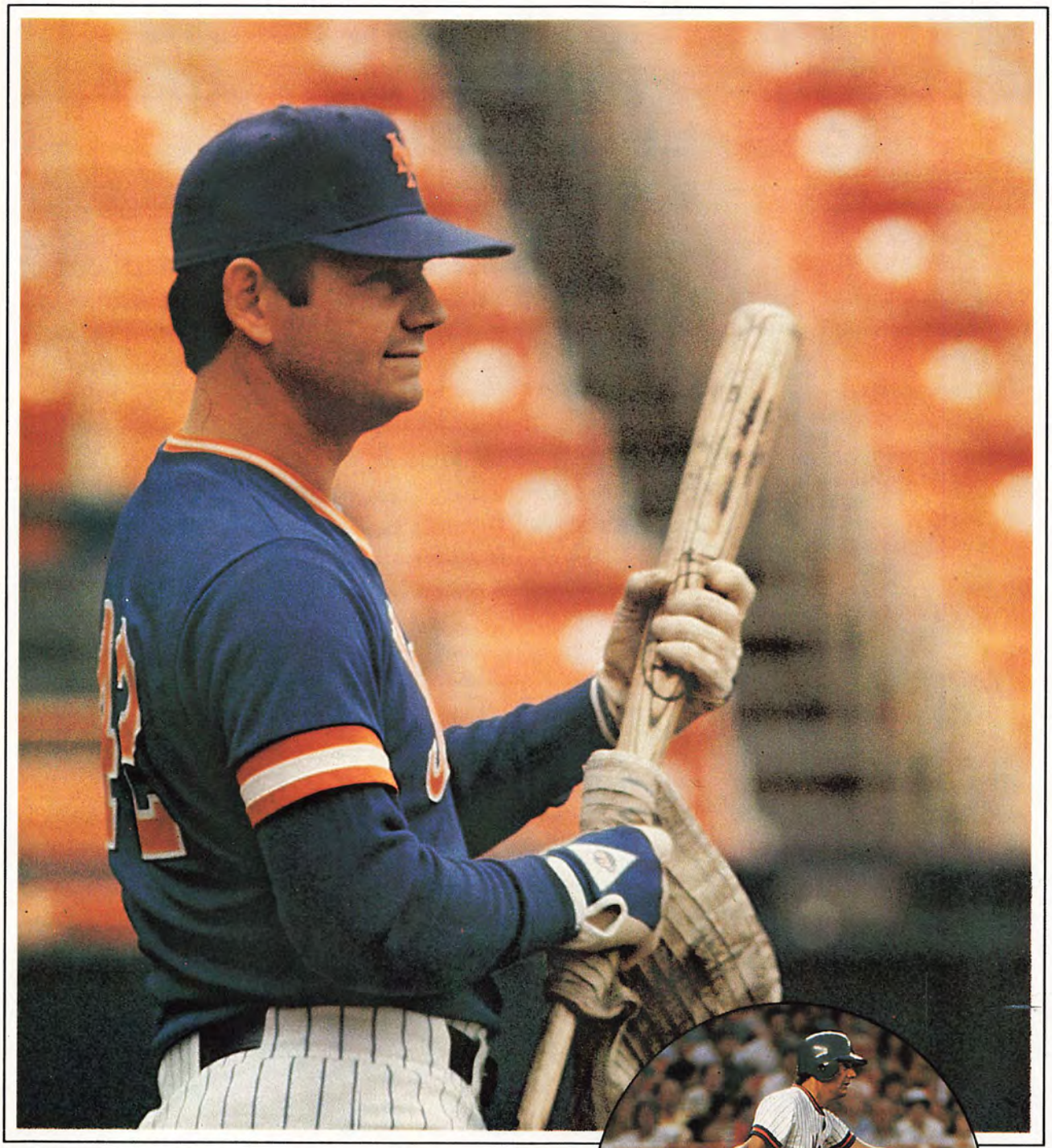

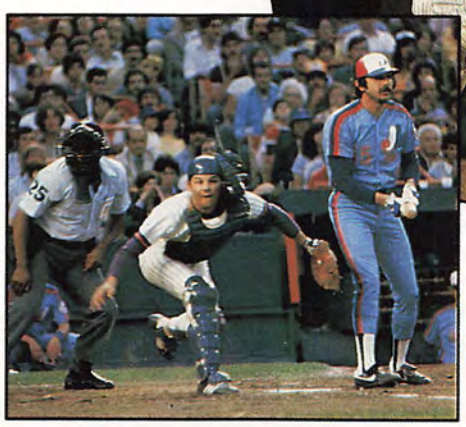

Ron Hodges, in his 10th season with the Mets in 1982, set career highs in nine offensive categories including games, hits and home runs.

When John Stearns was placed on the disabled list last August, Ron stepped in and did the job both behind the plate and at bat. He hit in 12 of 15 games late in the month, including a career high seven-game hitting streak, and hit the first grand-slam homer of his career on September 8 off the Pirates' Grant Jackson.

Ron was a free-agent after the '82 season, but the Mets rewarded him with a multi-year contract to retain his services. Now 33-years-old, it was ten years ago that Ron was recalled from their Memphis farm club, and helped the Mets win the 1973 N.L. pennant by hitting .260 in 45 games.

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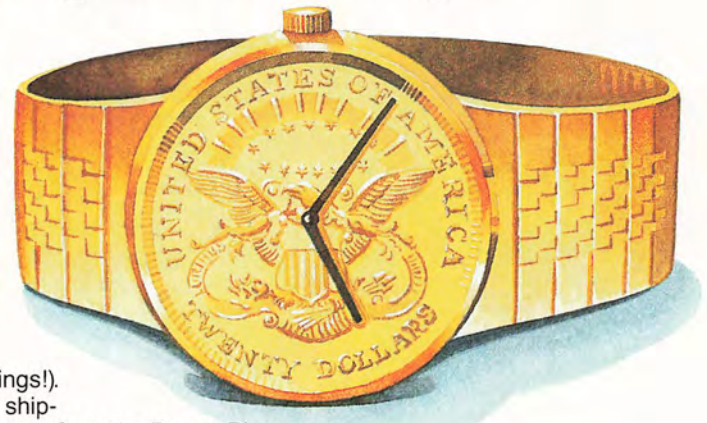

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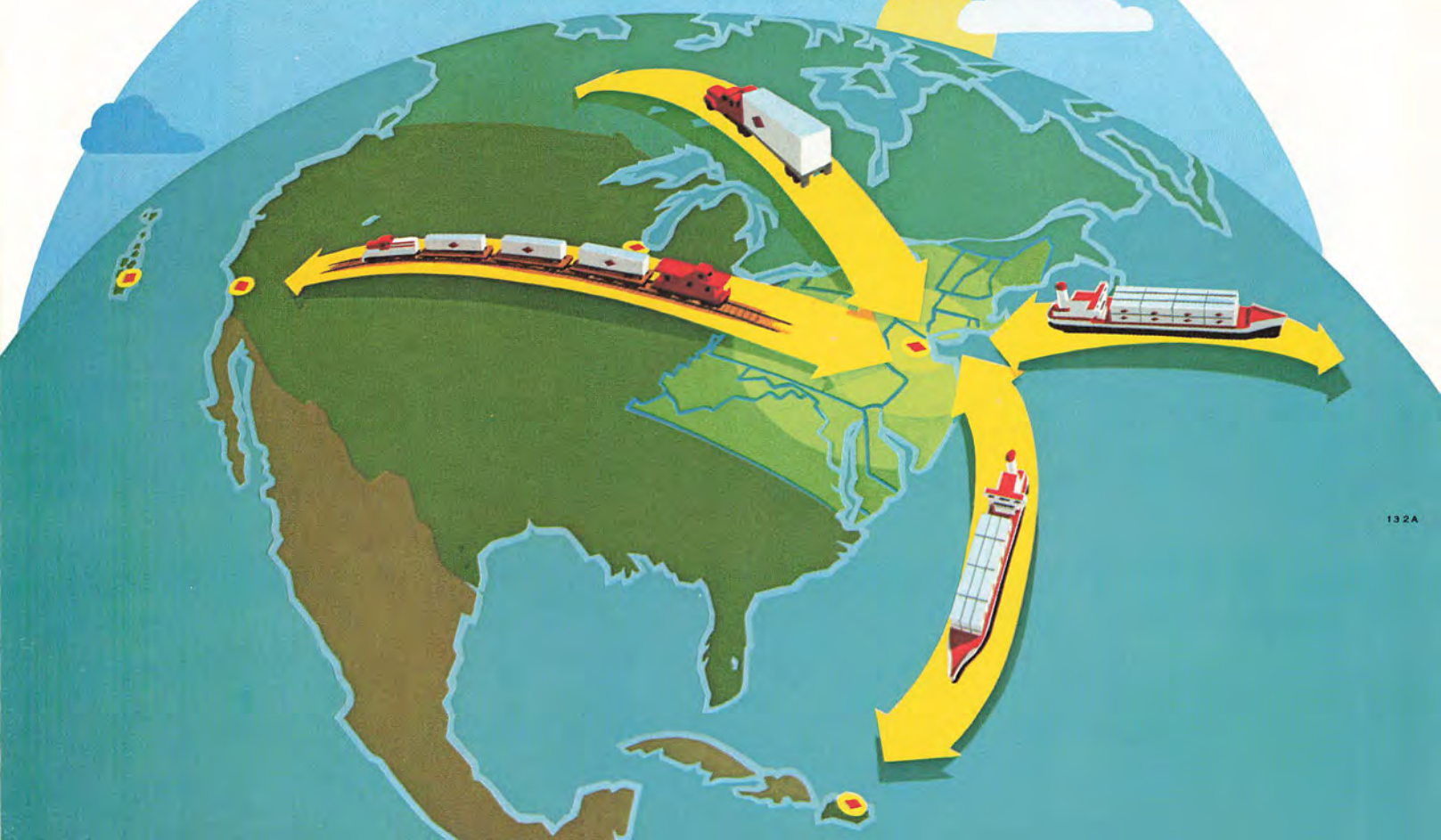

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Scott Holman has earned his shot at the major leagues.

After a tremendous 13-7 season in 1978 at Tidewater with a league leading 1.99 ERA, the righthander developed a sore right shoulder in 1980. Still bothered by the injury in '81, he took a step backward and posted a disappointing 4-9 record at Double-A.

After two seasons, the pain in his shoulder finally disappeared and he won 10 games at Tidewater last year, and won two of three decisions with the Mets in September.

Still just 24-years-old, Scott looks to this season as the year to establish himself in the major leagues.

Scott
HOLMAN
PITCHER
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Mike HOWARD

Tim LEARY

5 OUTFIELD

Mike Howard, who has spent parts of the last two seasons with the Mets, is primarily an outfielder who can play the infield if needed. In fact, he appeared in three games at second for the Mets last year.

This past spring Mike learned another position. Concerned about John Stearns' status due to his lingering elbow injury, the Mets turned to Mike to fill a back-up catching need. The versatile performer, who played the outfield, shortstop, third and first for Tidewater last year, worked all spring behind the plate and is confident he can do the job is called upon.

Mike hit .285 at Tidewater last year with 10 triples and 17 stolen bases before joining the Mets in early August. With the Mets, he hit his first major league homer off the Phils' Ron Reed on Sept. 24.

PITCHER 38

Tim Leary did not face one batter in 1982. One of the most talented pitchers to ever come out of the Mets' farm system, he would like to forget the miseries of the last two years.

In 1981, it was his elbow; in 1982, it was the shoulder. When the elbow injury had healed, Tim suffered an irritation of the nerve in his right shoulder while pitching in the winter league in Venezuela. After experiencing discomfort last spring, he was sent home to rest the shoulder in order to insure complete recovery.

The good news is that the 24-year-old California native pitched last fall without pain in the Florida Instructional League before returning home to continue rehabilitation.

It's a new year and everyone is confident that the fans will see Tim Leary this season at Shea.

Keith Hernandez has been one of the premier first-basemen in baseball for the past seven years. When his name was first mentioned in trade talks in early June, there was no hesitation in Frank Cashen's mind.

"It's not often that you have the opportunity to acquire a player of the caliber of Keith Hernandez", said Cashen. "When we had the chance to make the trade we simply had to seize it. He improves the starting lineup and bench as well."

Keith, a lifetime .299 hitter and two-time all-star, won the league batting championship in 1979 with a .344 average and shared M.V.P. honors that season with Willie Stargell. Last year he won his fifth consecutive Gold Glove Award as the N.L.'s top fielding first baseman.

Keith
HERNANDEZ
INFIELD
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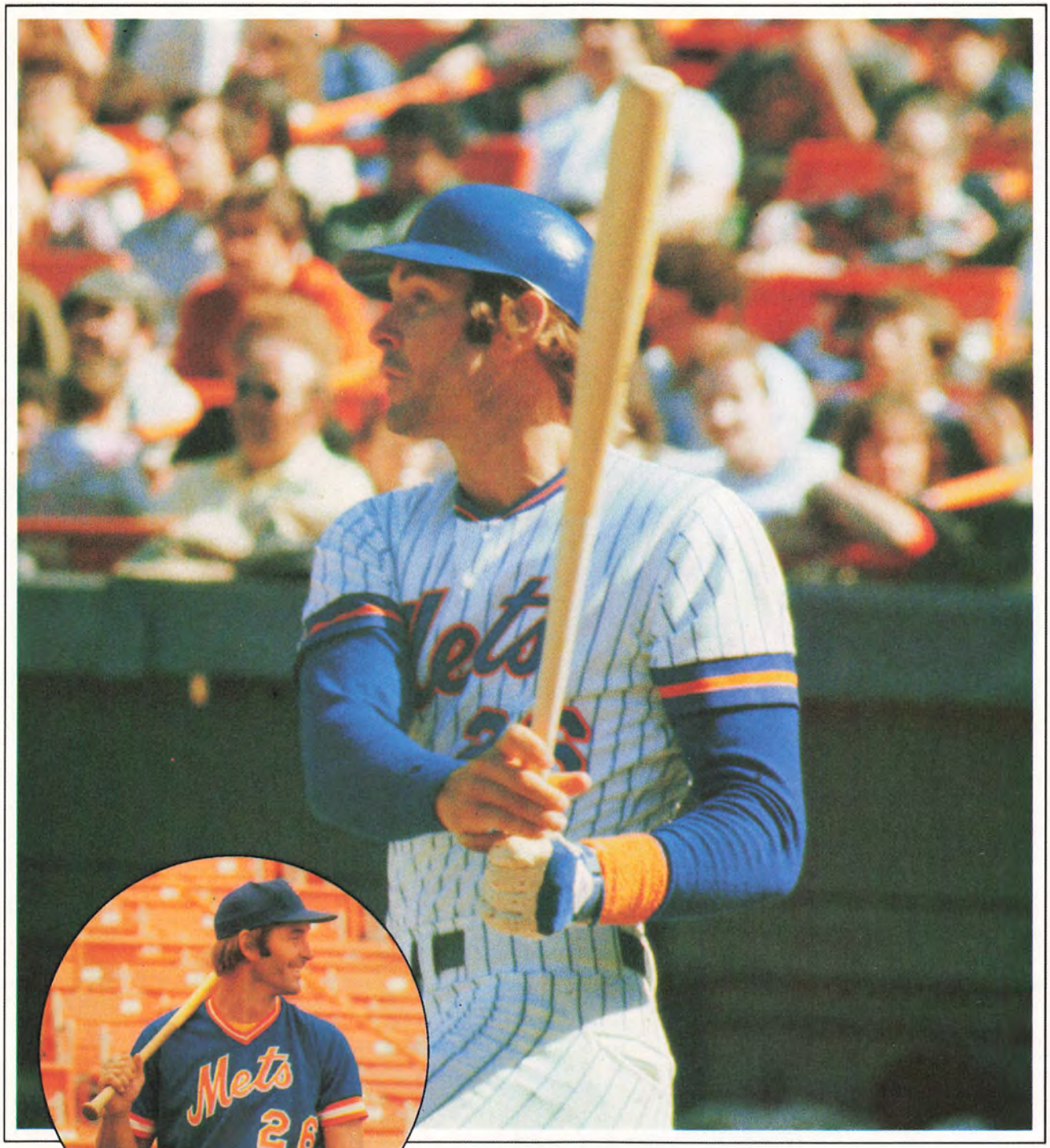


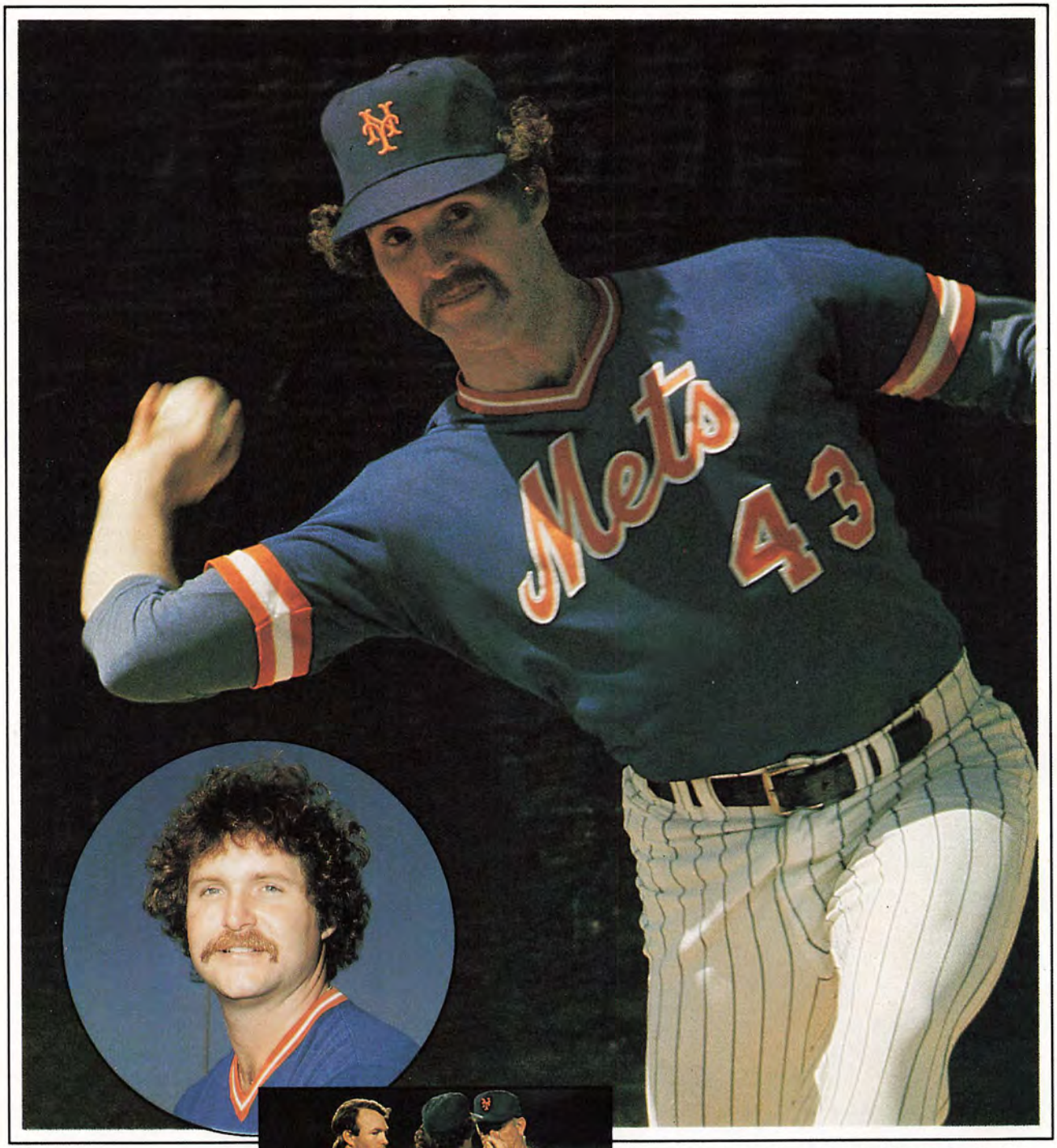
Dave Kingman hit 37 homers last year to lead the National League for the second time in his career. It marked the first time a Met has ever led the league in a major offensive category.

Dave is the Mets' all-time leader with 141 homers. He passed Ed Kranepool's total of 118 when he belted his 15th homer last year on June 9 at Shea. Dave's 99 RBI's was the second highest total in the history of the team, second only to Rusty Staub's 105 in 1975.

Dave, who is seventh in homers among active players and 39th on the all-time list with 329, hit just .204 in 1982, but knows he can raise those numbers. In 1978 with the Cubs, his best season in the big leagues, the 34-year-old bachelor hit .288 with 48 homers and 115 RBI's.

Terry LEACH 43

PITCHER



Terry Leach made one start last year, and to say he took advantage of the opportunity would be an understatement to say the least.

Terry turned in one of baseball's best pitching performances in 1982 when he beat the Phils 1-0 on October 1 with a ten-inning, one-hitter. It was the first one-hitter by a Met since Tom Seaver "one-hit" the Cubs in 1977.

Used primarily in relief throughout his professional career, the 28-year-old sidearmer has now appeared in seven games against the Phillies and allowed just an unearned run in 25⅔ innings.

Terry has spent parts of the last two seasons with the Mets, but following his performance last October, there's no question he can play a major role in the rebuilding of the Mets.

Ed LYNCH

PITCHER

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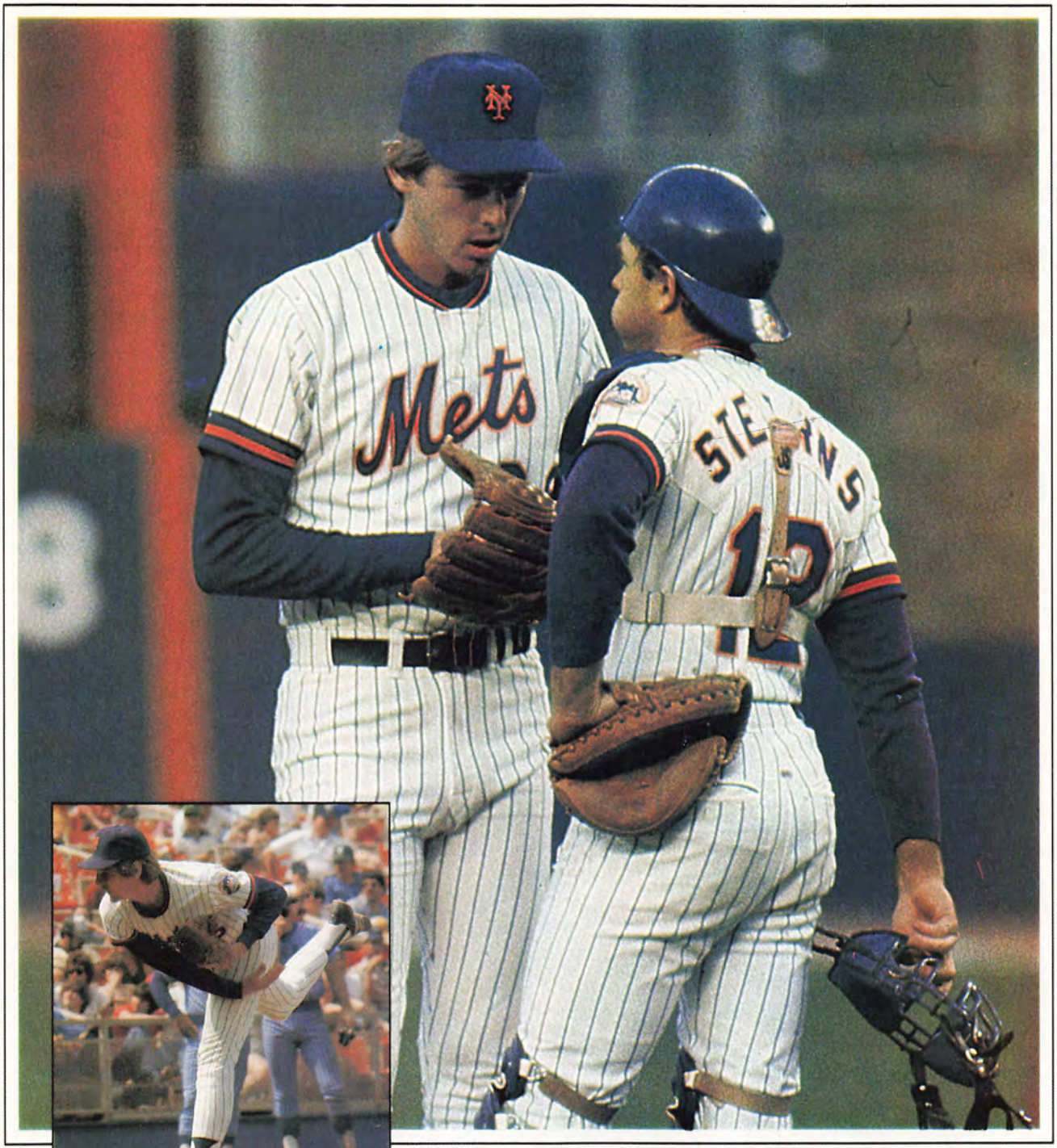
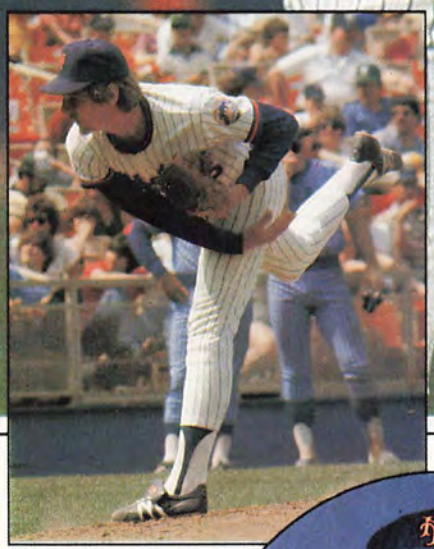




Frank Howard knows that whatever the situation, he can call on Ed Lynch to get the job done. Ed can be a starter, a long reliever, or the short-man to get the final out when the game is "on-the-line".

Used mostly in relief until August, the 27-year-old righthander was 1-3 with three saves in that role. In mid-August, he moved into the starting rotation and was the team's most consistent pitcher till the end of the year, posting a 3-4 record and averaging better than seven innings per outing.

Ed went to the University of South Carolina on a basketball scholarship and graduated with a B.S. degree in Finance in 1977. The Mets are fortunate that baseball turned out to be his better sport.

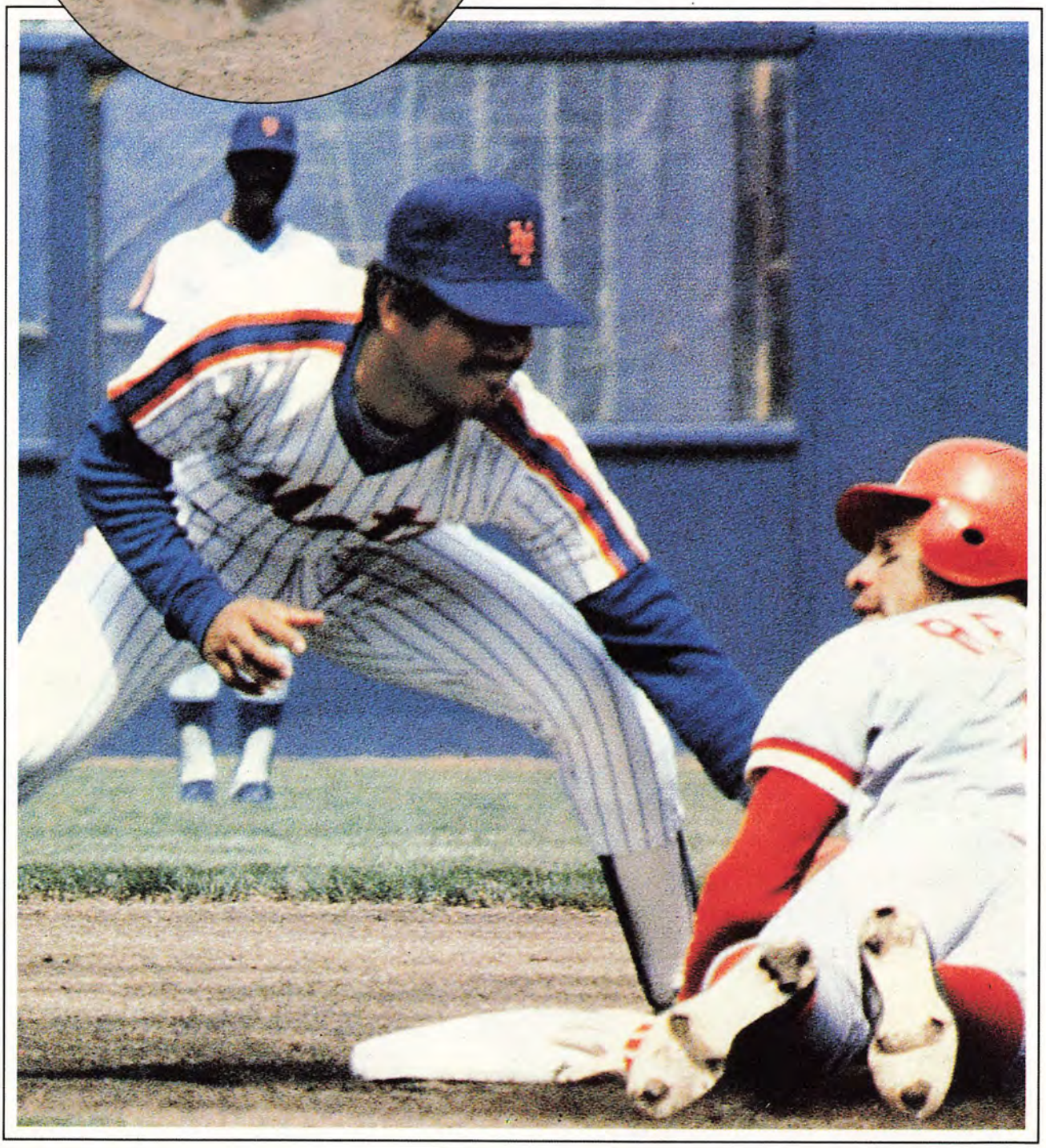
2 Jose OQUENDO

INFIELD

When Jose Oquendo joined the Mets in early May to fill-in for an injured Bob Bailor, plans were that he'd return to Tidewater as soon as Bailor was healthy. But once Jose was inserted into the lineup, all such plans were cancelled.

Jose, who turned 20 on July 4 and is the only Met ever born after the club's inception in 1962, has certainly lived up to the rave notices regarding his slick fielding and great arm, but he's also been impressive with the bat. The only question about Jose was whether he could handle major league pitching at this stage in his career, but he dispelled all doubt by hitting .299 after his first 40 games.

Jose is the Mets' best shortstop since Buddy Harrelson, and it's a solid bet that he'll anchor the Mets' infield for many years to come.



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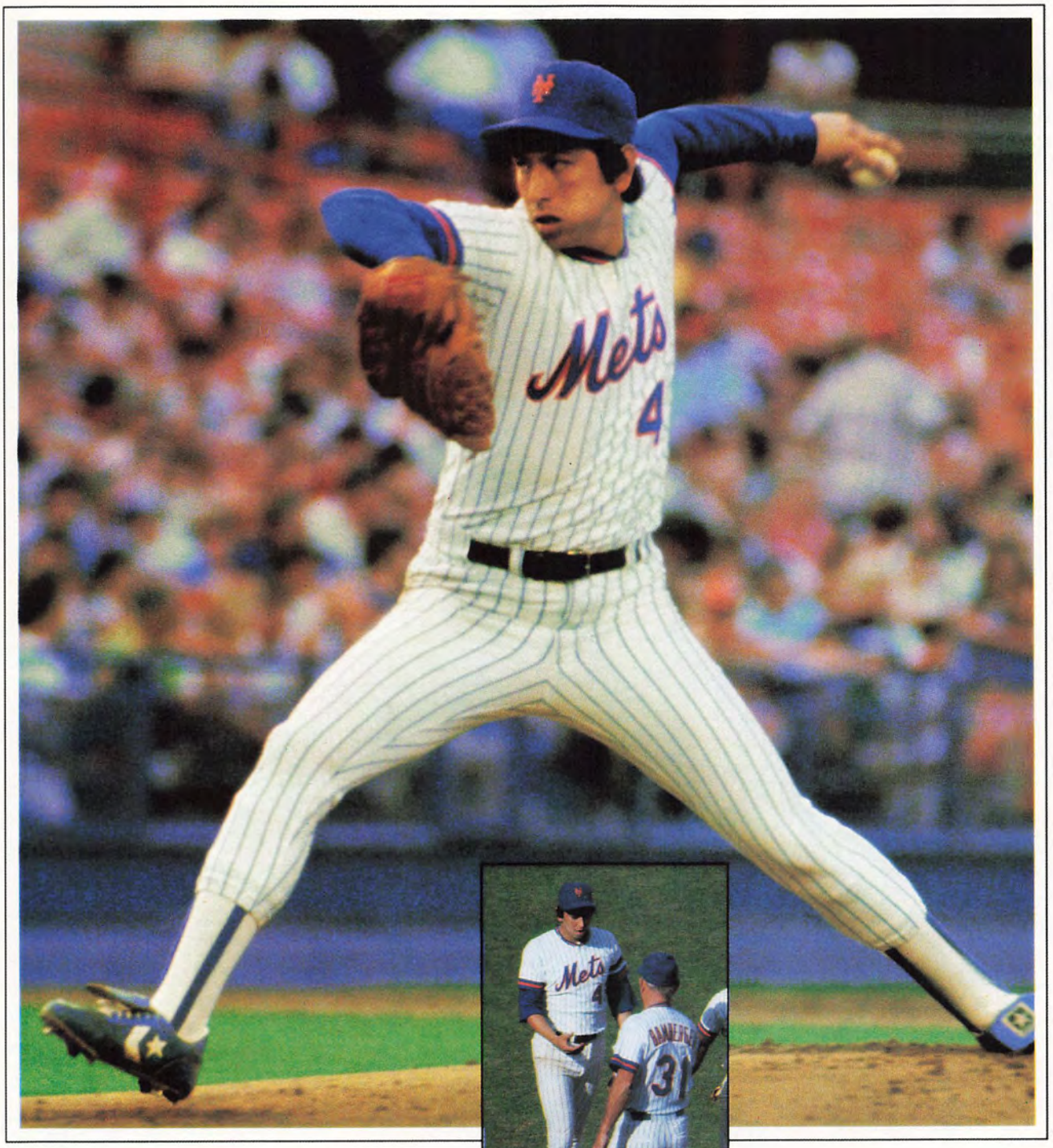

Jesse Orosco has continued to pitch like he did in the second-half of 1982.

After July 8 last season, the 26-year-old Californian was 4-4 with four saves in 27 appearances. Even more impressive, he posted a 1.88 ERA with 39 strikeouts in 53 innings during that period.

"During the second part of the year," said then manager George Bamberger, "Jesse just started believing in himself and getting the job done."

This season Jesse picked up right where he left off, and was 4-3 with seven saves through June. His 1.33 ERA was among the league leaders, and his efforts were rewarded with his first selection to the National League All-Star squad.

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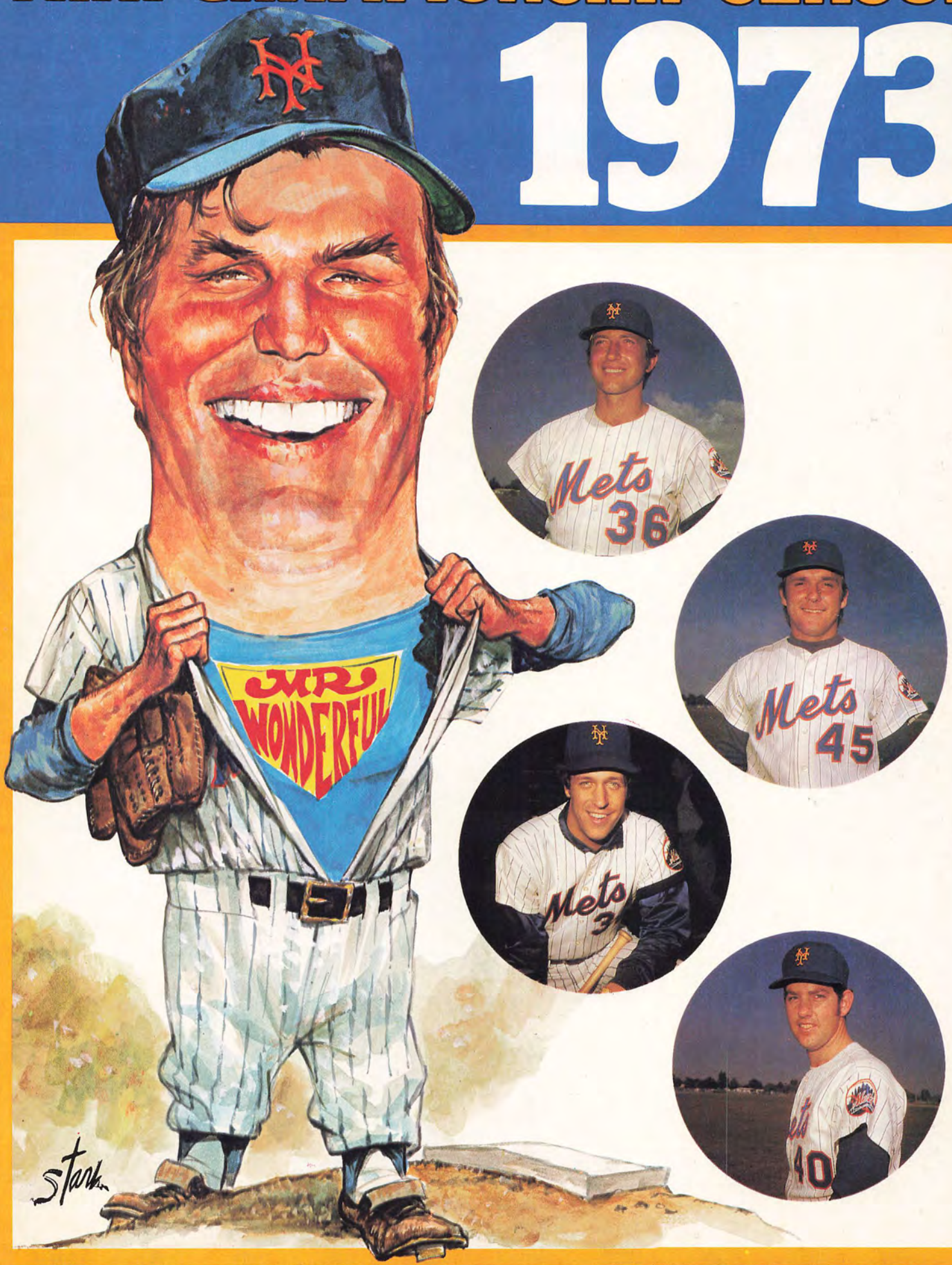

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Chronology of Events: That Championship Season 1973

ON JUNE 25 METS IN LAST PLACE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Games Out
Chicago.....	42	30	.583	1st
Montreal....	32	33	.492	6½
St. Louis....	33	35	.485	7
Philadelphia.	32	36	.471	8
Pittsburgh ..	31	36	.463	8½
Mets	30	35	.462	8½

APRIL

6— Mets beat Phillies, 3-0, Opening Day as Tom Seaver outduels Steve Carlton

7— Jon Matlack goes all the way as Mets edge Phils 3-2

12— This time Seaver outduels Bob Gibson as Mets top Cardinals 2-1 for a 4-0 start to the season

28— The injuries begin as John Milner is placed on the disabled list with a pulled hamstring

Rusty Staub

MAY

2— Mets fall out of first place after losing 6-1 to the Reds

12— Jerry Grote breaks his wrist when hit by a pitch and is placed on the 60-day disabled list; Rusty Staub hit on the left hand with a pitch the same night and never fully recovers from his injury even though he never went on disabled list.

13— A shoulder injury shelves Willie Mays for 2½ weeks

14— Catcher Jerry May is purchased from the Royals but sprains a wrist in his first start

30— Mets fall under the .500 mark in 3-2 loss to Giants and would not regain that plateau until September 21

JUNE

1— Cleon Jones is placed on the disabled list with a wrist injury

5— Bud Harrelson goes on the disabled list for the first time after fracturing a wrist turning a double play versus Reds

6— Ron Hodges, a reserve catcher, is recalled from Memphis (Class AA) where he was hittng just .173

9— Pitcher Buzz Capra and outfielder Don Hahn recalled from Tidewater

11— Mets beaten 2-1 by Giants for their 12th loss in 13 games

17— George Stone follows three straight complete games by Seaver, Matlack and Koosman and pitches Mets to 3-1 win over Padres for their fifth straight win

25— A 3-2 loss to the Cubs drops the Mets into last place

Ron Hodges

JULY

2— Rookie Buzz Capra loses 10-inning 2-1 heartbreaker to Expos and Steve Renko

7— Mets lose 9-8 to Atlanta as Don Hahn and George Theodore are involved in a violent outfield

Hahn/Theodore Collision

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"Ya Gotta Believe!"

The everlasting record will show that the 1973 New York Mets ranked 11th in the National League in batting (.246), 11th in home runs (85), 11th in runs (608) and 11th in stolen bases (27). They also ranked fourth in overall winning percentage which suggested that such woeful offensive statistics would have cost them dearly had they played in the National League West that year.

But we are talking about destiny here. We are talking about a team that did lead the league in SOMETHING—injuries. There was Bud Harrelson, the heart and soul of the defense, sidelined by a cracked bone in his chest; Rusty Staub, the kingpin of the offense, continually hampered by a bad hand; Jon Matlack, the No. 2 starter, bludgeoned in the skull by a line drive; Cleon Jones, idled by elbow, knee and hamstring injuries. And on and on.

So how did they win? **"Ya gotta believe!"** said Tug McGraw, who taught them how both in the clubhouse and on the field. But first Tug had to learn to believe in himself again.

"I had had a real tough first half of the season," recalls McGraw (who was, in fact, 0-5 with a 5.11 ERA as late as Aug. 16). "I was beside myself as to why. There was nothing wrong with my arm. I just couldn't get anybody out and I had lost my confidence—a relief pitcher's most valuable asset. One afternoon, I called a friend whose name is Joe Badamo. Gil Hodges had introduced me to Joe, who was a teacher of positive thinking. We had lunch together and at the conclusion Joe said to me: 'Tug, you just got to believe in yourself.' "

"Those words kept ringing in my brain as I drove to the ballpark that day. I kept shouting in the car **'Ya Gotta Believe!'** Then when I got to Shea, there was the usual crowd of fans waiting by the bullpen and they were yelling at me: 'What's wrong, Tug? When are we gonna get going?' I remember turning to them and shouting back 'Don't worry. **Ya gotta believe!'** Well, it was funny, but they picked that up right away and as I was heading into the clubhouse, they started shouting back at me **'Ya gotta believe!'**

"Well, that same day, (former Mets Board Chairman) M. Donald Grant called a meeting of the team and said a lot of things like we could still win and that we just had to believe that. He also made it a point to say the front office still believed in us. Well, that just set me going again and when the meeting was over I was running around the clubhouse shouting **'Ya gotta believe!'** Grant thought I was mocking him and I later had to call him and tell him what had happened to me that day. He was happy to learn that we were actually thinking along the same lines."

Of course, what made McGraw's rallying cry the overriding story of the 1973 Mets was McGraw's performance on the field. For beginning on Aug. 27, the Mets were in last place with a 58-70 record, 6½ games behind the division-leading St. Louis Cardinals. The Mets beat the Padres 6-5 that day with Rusty Staub hitting a grand slam homer and McGraw getting a save. They would go on to win 24 of their last 33 games and over the same span Tug McGraw would post a 4-0 record with 12 saves and an 0.95 ERA for 38 innings of relief work! **Ya Gotta Believe!**

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No championship team is without its architect and, in the case of the '73 Mets, there were three: George Weiss, the team's original President, Johnny Murphy, who served as general manager from 1968 until his death in 1970, and Bob Scheffing, who succeeded Murphy as GM and made the final pieces of the '73 championship season fall into place. And, credit must be given also to Board Chairman M. Donald Grant, a former Giants' stockholder, whose vision it was to bring Willie Mays back to New York where he belonged. The Willie Mays transaction was Grant's—with, of course, 100% backing from Mrs. Joan Payson, the team's owner. All told 14 of the '73 Mets were home grown.

1962: The year of the Mets' official entry in the National League

1962:
ED KRANEPOOL was signed out of James Monroe High in New York. He was signed 6/27/62 and joined the team 2 months later.

1963:
CLEON JONES, signed by the Mets in July of 1962, joined the major league club for a brief look in September. Two years later he was back for good.

1965:
BUD HARRELSON signed by the Mets in June of 1963, played 19 games, then came back to stay at the end of '66.
TUG McGRAW, signed by the Mets in June of '64, made it to the big club in one year, but went back to the minors for three more years before sticking in '69.

1966:
JERRY GROTE, acquired in a trade with the Houston Astros for pitcher Tom Parsons, 11/29/65 took over as Mets' first string catcher.

1967:
KEN BOSWELL, signed by the Mets as their No. 4 selection in the June '65 amateur free agent draft, joined the club in September and won a fulltime job the following year.
JERRY KOOSMAN, signed by the Mets in August of 1964, got a brief look before winning a spot in the regular rotation in '68.
TOM SEAVER, who became a Met via a special drawing April 3, 1966 after the Braves were forced to give up rights to him because of violating the college signing rule, won a starting rotation job in spring '67. He had pitched just one season in the minors.

1968:
DUFFY DYER, reserve catcher, joined the team in September and remained the No. 2 backstop thru '74. He was signed as the Mets' No. 1 selection in the June '66 amateur free agent draft.
WAYNE GARRETT was drafted for $25,000 out of the Atlanta Braves system 12/2/68.

1969:
RAY SADECKI, spot starter and long reliever, was acquired from the San Francisco Giants with outfielder Dave Marshall in exchange for outfielder Jim Gosger and infielder Bob Heise.

1970:
TEDDY MARTINEZ, signed by Mets out of the Dominican Republican October of 1966, joined the team as a utility infielder.

1971:
JON MATLACK, the Mets' No. 1 selection in the June 1967 amateur free agent draft, joined the team and moved into the starting rotation in '72.
JOHN MILNER, the Mets' 14th selection in the June '68 amateur free agent draft, was promoted after hitting .290 at Tidewater with 87 RBI.
DON HAHN, centerfielder, was obtained from the Montreal Expos 3/31/71 for outfielder Ron Swoboda.
JIM BEAUCHAMP, pinch hitter, and **HARRY PARKER,** relief pitcher, were acquired 10/18/71 from the St. Louis Cardinals for outfielder Art Shamsky and pitchers Jim Bibby, Rich Folkers and Charlie Hudson.

1972:
RUSTY STAUB, outfielder, was traded from Montreal Expos to Mets 4/6/72 for shortstop Tim Foli, outfielder Ken Singleton and first baseman Mike Jorgensen.
WILLIE MAYS was obtained from the San Francisco Giants 5/11/72 for pitcher Charlie Williams.
Second baseman **FELIX MILLAN** and pitcher **GEORGE STONE** were traded by the Atlanta Braves to the Mets 11/1/72 for pitchers Danny Frisella and Gary Gentry.
PHIL HENNIGAN, relief pitcher, was acquired by Mets from Cleveland Indians 11/27/72 for pitchers Bob Rauch and Brent Strom.

1973:
RON HODGES, reserve catcher, was signed by Mets as their No. 2 selection in January '72 amateur free agent draft. He joined team 6/6/73 after being recalled from Memphis.
BUZZ CAPRA, long reliever, was Mets' 27th selection in June '69 amateur draft. He was recalled from Tidewater for good 6/9/73.
GEORGE THEODORE, Mets' 31st selection in June '68 amateur draft, was recalled from Tidewater for outfield insurance 4/27/73.

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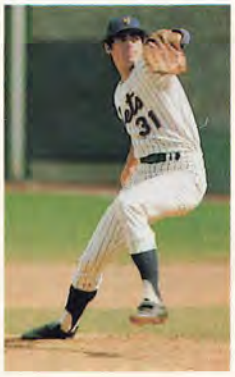
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Felix Millan & George Stone

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Yogi: Patience and Perseverence

"If you can keep your head when all of those around you are losing theirs . . ."

—Kipling

Ten years later, they remember the Mets' improbable 1973 championship season for many things: the pitching that eventually won it, the rallying spirit of Tug McGraw that helped to inspire it; the injuries that almost served to undo it. But hardly, if at all, do they remember 1973 for the manager who presided over it all. Maybe that's because Yogi Berra never changed his demeanor from those awful days of June and July when the Mets were falling out of the race, besieged by injuries, to the triumphant days of August and September when it all came together again.

Yogi and Bob Scheffing

And in between, at a point in which the Mets seemed to be on the verge of breaking altogether, Berra found himself surrounded by people losing their heads and screaming for his. It was in mid-July that the New York Post began a poll asking its readers to determine who was responsible for the Mets' plight: Berra, Board Chairman M. Donald Grant or general manager Bob Scheffing. At the same time, Grant was asked if he was considering replacing Yogi as his manager and gave one of his strangest "votes of confidence" in recorded history. "We have no intention of replacing Yogi," Grant said, "unless the public demands it."

Not long after, the final results of The Post's poll was released with Scheffing (1,448) being chosen by the fans as the prime scapegoat for the Mets' problems. Grant was second with 1,207 no-confidence votes, while Yogi finished a distant third with just 611 nays. Through it all, the manager remained unruffled by the myriad of problems surrounding him and his team.

"All of that stuff went in one ear and right out the other," Yogi recalls now. "We were still in the race and we had plenty of games left with the teams we would have to beat. I was only concerned about the injuries and there was nothing I could do about them except wait for the guys to get healthy again. I felt all along that once that happened, we would win it. We had the good pitching with Seaver, Matlack, Koosman and McGraw and that, I felt, would be the difference.

"I just let it all ride out and did the best I could to keep us going when everybody was out."

Cleon Jones was one of those players Yogi was waiting to get back. Jones, hampered by a wrist injury in the early going, was finally placed on the disabled list June 1 with his arm in a cast. A month later, July 7, Jones came back —but only because Yogi was in another emergency situation. Two of his outfielders, Don Hahn and George Theodore, collided chasing a ball and went down with injuries.

"Yogi was a big factor in our eventual success, no question," says Cleon. "Just about everyone else was writing us off, but he never waivered in his belief that we were still in it. He refused to give up and when we got healthy it all seemed to come together. The defense got back on its feet, the offense started to get hot and get some big hits, the pitchers believed again that we would score runs. It was like a ripple effect."

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The Pitching Did It

No one would ever confuse the '73 Mets with the '27 Yankees. Murderer's Row, the '73 Mets were not—as evidenced by the meager total of 85 home runs they hit. But as Yogi Berra knew all along, having been through enough pennant races himself as a player, pitching is what makes the ultimate difference between success and failure in baseball. So when the Mets' hitters were bogged down with injuries and the club was floundering in June and July, Yogi merely looked at his pitching—Seaver, Matlack, Koosman, Stone, Sadecki, Parker, McGraw—and said softly but confidently: "We can win this thing."

As it turned out, the Mets' pitching staff, despite boasting only two of the five principal starters with better-than-.500 records, ranked third overall in the NL earned run average department with a 3.26 mark. The Mets' staff also ranked second in the league in complete games in '73 with 47, second in shutouts with 15, and first in strikeouts with 1,027.

"It was the kind of a year that nobody seemed to want to win," recalls Tom Seaver, who earned his second of three Cy Young Awards in '73 with his 19-10 record and league-leading marks for strikeouts (251) and ERA (2.08). "It was really a matter of who was going to lose it rather than who would win it. But the closer we got to the end of the season with our pitching, the more we began to feel that we could do it. Part of that, I think, was a holdover from Gil Hodges. Hodges had instilled in us that confidence. He also instilled in us the team concept. We were a very unselfish staff as a whole. We based our performance not on wins and losses, but rather pitching well enough to keep the team in games so that the TEAM could win them."

So much has been written and said of Berra's "Big Three," Seaver, Matlack and Koosman and the yeoman bullpen job by Tug McGraw. Nevertheless, as Seaver points out, '73 was a "team effort" by the entire pitching staff and it could not have happened the way it did without the efforts of such unsung heroes as George Stone and Ray Sadecki. Stone began '73 as a mop-up man in the bullpen after an undistinguished spring training. But on May 24, he turned in six shutout innings of relief and helped the Mets win a 19-inning marathon over the Dodgers. That performance prompted Berra to ease Stone into the starting rotation. With the Braves in '69 Stone had been a good enough starter to win 13 games. Had he gotten his chance earlier in '73, he would have surely eclipsed his season-high 13 wins. As it was, he won his last eight decisions in a row and finished the '73 season with a 12-3 mark and career-low 2.80 ERA. He also had one start against the Reds in the playoffs and was removed after 6⅔ innings with the score tied 1-1.

"The Mets, especially that '73 club, were my favorite team," Stone says. "They were a wonderful bunch of fellows to be around. I have to give (pitching coach) Rube Walker much of the credit for my '73 season. He knew just how to use me. My arm wasn't that strong and I needed rest. But I'd pitch every fifth day and occasionally they'd even make it every sixth day by using Sadecki in spots. As a result, my arm never felt better than it did that year. Unfortunately somewhere along the way, it might have been over the winter, I tore a rotator cuff in my shoulder and was never the same again. They didn't operate in those days and I still have pain if I throw hard."

Matlack, Koosman, Seaver & McGraw

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A Case for the Defense

No one has ever disputed the fact that the Mets championship teams of 1969 and 1973 were molded around strong pitching. Especially in 1973, when five of the six National League East teams had a chance of winning the division going into the final week of the season, pitching was what gave the Mets the edge. But, as Tom Seaver & Co. were quick to remind any and all, no pitching can survive without at least an equally strong defense behind it. And that was the Mets' secret weapon in '73. Overall, the Mets committed 126 errors which ranked fourth in the National League. But it was also a fourth place defensive finish by a defensive contingent that was constantly being re-shuffled because of critical injuries. The two defensive kingpins of the Mets, Bud Harrelson and Jerry Grote, for example, missed nearly two months of the season.

Jones

Harrelson

"But," says Harrelson today, "We got a lot of help from the bench. That was our even bigger secret of success—our bench. There weren't a lot of big names there, just guys who were solid, dependable players who came in and did the job. When Willie Mays got hurt in center field, we had Don Hahn to come in and hold the fort defensively out there. And when I got hurt at shortstop, Wayne Garrett and Teddy Martinez were able to move right in for me.

"Tom (Seaver) would always pitch to his fielders and I think the other pitchers followed that example. I know there were times when I would be banged up and too sore to play and Tom would say: 'I need you out there no matter how much you're hurting.' It was a great morale booster, knowing the pitchers recognized and appreciated the guys on defense so much. Of course we appreciated each other too. Like Felix Millan, my partner at second base. Playing with Felix was easy. I asked him when he first joined us: 'Where do you like the ball?' 'Just throw it.' "

Grote

Another key Met of 1973 who was felled by injuries was Cleon Jones. Like Harrelson, Jones had to be picked up by the bench men and he recognized that even though there were no stars on this team, there were enough stars-for-a-day to keep them in the race.

Hahn

"We were really just an average ballclub," Jones says today. "But we had above average pitching and a good defense. And we had enough people like Don Hahn, Ron Hodges, etc. who came up from the minor leagues and filled in well until we all got healthy again in September. Yogi kept trying to convince us we could win and slowly but surely, as these unsung guys kept delivering, we began to believe him. It was as if everybody else in the division was just waiting for us to win it."

Cleon Jones Remembers "The Play"

The date was Sept. 20, a Thursday night at Shea, a night that would be remembered for the defensive play that convinced the Mets that fate was indeed smiling on them again as it did in 1969. The score was tied 3-3 in the top of the 13th inning of a see-saw game with the Pirates. Richie Zisk was on first base for Pittsburgh when rookie Dave Augustine hit a high drive to left that looked like a certain two-run homer off Ray Sadecki.

"Everybody thought it was going out," recalled Cleon Jones, "except me who had best view. I though it would hit the wall—although not as high as it did. It hit right on top of the wall and bounced straight up in the air. I caught the ball on the fly, turned and threw. That's where the rest of the defense came in. Wayne Garrett was behind me and couldn't see what was happening, but he instinctively was in the perfect spot for the relay. He then threw a perfect peg to Ron Hodges who tagged out Zisk at the plate. Things like that had already begun to happen to us, but I think that one convinced us, as Tug kept saying, 'Ya gotta believe.' "

Naturally, in their half of the 13th, the Mets scored to win the game 4-3 and move to within one-half game of first place.

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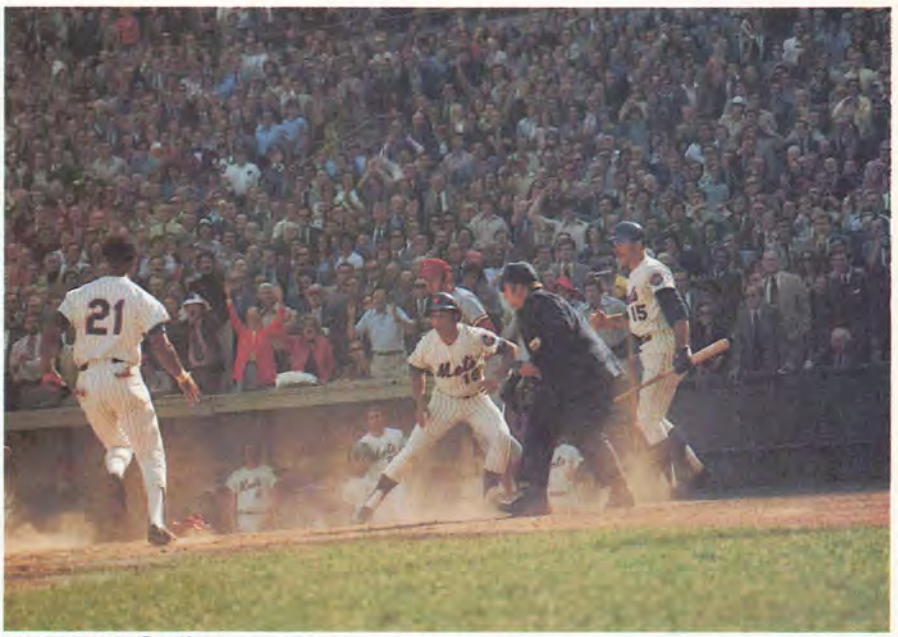
The Playoffs: Making the Reds See Red

So it was that somewhere in the September sunset of the 1973 National League season, all of Yogi Berra's wounded became healed and the Mets, a last place team as of August 28, suddenly began to perform like champions. Indeed, it was 1969 all over again with, naturally, the pitchers leading the way. But the hitters, though perhaps not nearly as fearsome as those of the frontrunning Cardinals and Pirates, also delivered with the necessary timely production. On September 17, Tom Seaver lost to the Pirates' Bruce Kison, keeping the Mets in fourth place, 3½ games back. A week later, and seven straight wins later, they were first, never again to be headed. The pennant was clinched October 1. The Mets, who had split a doubleheader with the Cubs the day before to prolong the suspense, finally clinched the NL East with a 6-4 win over the Cubs in their 161st game. The second game of "that" doubleheader did not have to be played.

They met the Cincinnati Reds in the playoffs. The same Cincinnati Reds of Pete Rose, Joe Morgan, Johnny Bench, Tony Perez and Ken Griffey who had gone to the World Series the year before. It was no wonder the Reds were heavy favorites. They had everything on their side but fate.

It began badly for the Mets, Tom Seaver spacing six hits over 8⅓ innings of Game One, striking out 13 in the process, and coming up 2-1 loser. Seaver himself had to account for the Mets' lone run with a second-inning double, but he was ultimately done in by solo homers by Rose in the eight and Bench in the ninth.



Cleon Jones Scoring

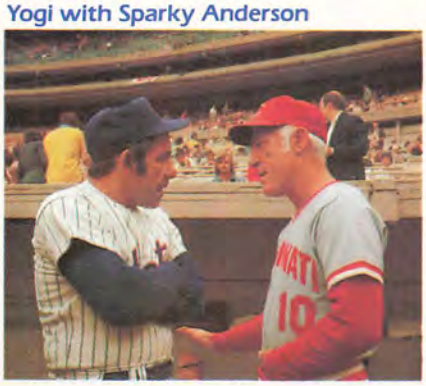
But the vaunted Mets' pitching seemed to be inspired rather than disheartened by Seaver's gallant, losing effort. For in Game Two, Jon Matlack shut down the Big Red Machine on just two singles in pitching the Mets to a series-tying 5-0 shutout.

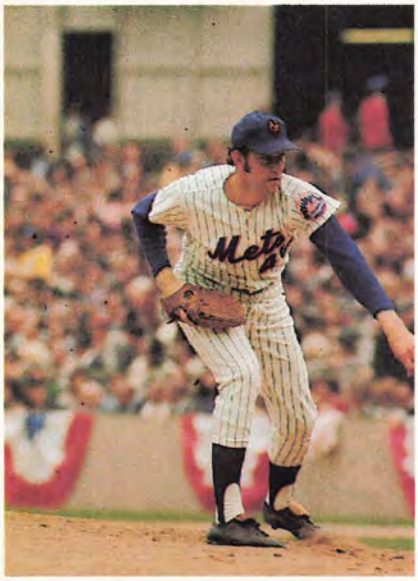
In game three, the scene shifted back to Shea Stadium where 53,967 "believers" were on hand to greet their heroes who had managed to come away from Cincinnati with a split. And the Mets responded in spectacular fashion for their enthusiastic fans, pummeling the Reds 9-2 behind Jerry Koosman's eight-hit, nine-strikeout pitching and Rusty Staub's two home runs. A decade later, however, this game is still remembered for a different sort of fireworks: this fifth-inning fist-fight between Pete Rose and Bud Harrelson (see inset). It began with Rose sliding in hard at second, attempting to break up a double play. Once Harrelson completed the play, the two became involved in a shoving, punching, wrestling encounter that prompted both benches to empty. Upon returning to leftfield the following inning, Rose was showered by debris from the enraged Shea fans. Reds manager Sparky Anderson then pulled his team off the field until order was restored. It took a contingent of Berra, Seaver, Willie Mays, Staub and Cleon Jones to walk out to left field and plead with the fans to cease with their actions lest the Mets lose the game by forfeit.

Rose, as has always been his combative and competitive nature, would get his revenge in Game Four. It came in the 12th inning of another pitching duel. The score was 1-1 after George Stone and Tug McGraw had kept the Reds in check and Freddie Norman, Don Gullett and Clay Carroll had limited the Mets to just three hits. Rose, who had been given a beer shower by a fan in leftfield earlier in the game, hit another homer, this one off Harry Parker, to give the Reds a 2-1 win and sending the Series to a fifth and deciding game.

So, as with everything else in the 1973 season, the playoffs would not come easy for the Mets. A crowd of 50,323 was on hand at Shea for Game Five as Tom Seaver went to the mound against Jack Billingham of the Reds. This time, though, the Mets ended the suspense rather early, breaking up a 2-2

Yogi with Sparky Anderson





Stone

game in the fifth inning with a four-run rally. It began with Wayne Garrett's leadoff double. Felix Millan then laid down a sacrifice bunt and the Reds' proceeded to provide the Mets with the break they were looking for as Dan Driessen, taking Billingham's throw over to third, neglected to tag Garrett. Driessen had thought there was a force play and his mistake left runners at first and third. A double by Cleon Jones, a pinch single by Willie Mays and another single by Bud Harrelson completed the rally. Seaver, though not quite as sharp as he was in Game One, took the lead into the ninth until Tug McGraw came on to get the final two outs for the Mets' second National League pennant. The final score was 7-2 and overall the Mets outscored the Big Red Machine 23-8 for the five games. At the same time, the Mets pitchers had done their part, holding Bench, Rose, Perez & Co. to just 1.33 runs per game.

The press with Harrelson

Rose & Harrelson Explosion

Reds & Mets teams break up Rose & Harrelson Fight

Buddy: "Pete Was Only Trying To Fire Them Up"

"Everybody seems to think there was bad blood between Pete and me," Bud Harrelson explains 10 years later about his celebrated fracas with Pete Rose in the third game of the '73 playoffs. "The fact is we were always good friends. That's why I was so surprised the fight even happened. I later found out why. (Jon) Matlack had pitched such a good second game, with such good stuff, and someone asked me what I thought. I said something like the Reds all looked like me. It was a joke at my expense, but Pete, as I later found out, used it to fire up his teammates. Joe Morgan came out the next day and grabbed my shirt. He said 'If you ever say something like that about me again, I'll punch you out!' Well, later, after I was able to explain to Joe it was an innocent remark, he admitted that the Reds were getting a little uptight and that Pete wasn't gonna drop it. When Pete came into second base that day, he hit me with an elbow in the head after the play. I thought it was a cheap shot and I went after him. Later that winter, we both laughed about it and to this day he insists it wasn't intentional. I believe him because that's just the way Pete plays the game, but I also believe he was looking for something to get his teammates fired up again."

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The 1973 World Series: A's For Effort for the Defense

Some dreams simply don't make it all the way. Considering the masterful way they handled the heavily-favored Cincinnati Reds in the National League playoffs, the '73 Mets could be forgiven if they had truly come to believe Tug McGraw; if they had truly come to believe that this was going to be a replay of 1969 when pitching and timely hitting and clutch defense would take them all the way to the top of the baseball world.

For a fleeting but truly grand moment they almost did. Rallying back from an opening game loss to the Oakland Athletics in the World Series, the Mets actually took a three-games-to-two lead back to the west coast with their two best pitchers, Tom Seaver and Jon Matlack, prepared to complete the task. It simply wasn't meant to be. As Yogi Berra, who would later be criticized for not using George Stone as a starter in the World Series, said afterward: "What better situation would you want to have? Seaver and Matlack having to win just one game! I have no regrets or second thoughts. I went for the kill. It just wasn't in the cards."

The Series began in Oakland with Ken Holtzman, aided by 3⅓ shutout innings of relief from Rollie Fingers, outdueling Matlack in Game One, the A's winning, 2-1 on a two-run third inning rally that was started by a double by Holtzman.

Game Two did not begin much better for the Mets as Jerry Koosman was driven out of the game after just 2⅓ innings, trailing 2-1. But in the sixth inning, the Mets knocked out A's starter Vida Blue en route to a four-run rally that was highlighted by a two-run throwing error by Oakland reliever Darold Knowles. A two-run Oakland rally off Tug McGraw in the ninth sent the game into extra innings, but the Mets held firm to win it, 10-7 with four runs in the 12th. Actually, the Mets thought they had won Game Two in the 10th inning when Bud Harrelson tried to score from third on a short fly to left and was called out by home plate umpire Augie Donatelli on a close play. Willie Mays was seen on his hands and knees pleading for Donatelli to reconsider. It was to be Willie's last argument with an ump.

Stone

Game Three was your classic pitchers' duel: Tom Seaver versus Catfish Hunter—two sure Hall of Famers—and it ended according to script. Neither Hunter nor Seaver, however, were around for the finish when an 11th inning walk to Ted Kubiak, a passed ball by Jerry Grote and an RBI single by Campy Campaneris lifted the A's to a 3-2 triumph.

Now the Mets were in trouble, down 2-1 in games with only two left in their own ballpark. They needed to win both—and they did. Jon Matlack and Ray Sadecki, aided by Rusty Staub's three-run first inning homer, shut the A's down on five hits for a 6-1 Mets' victory in Game Four. The Mets' pitching was even more unyielding in Game Five as Jerry Koosman, rebounding from his shaky effort in Game Two, hurled three-hit ball for 6⅓ innings and Tug McGraw hurled no-hit ball the rest of the way to complete a 2-0 Mets shutout.

Catfish Hunter & Seaver

So it went back to Oakland, the Mets up 3-2 and thinking this must be another brush with destiny. For Game Six it was another matchup of Seaver and Hunter. This time Hunter got the best of it, hurling four-hit ball for 7⅓ innings. Fingers once again finished up and the A's, fueled by Reggie Jackson's three hits and two RBI, evened the Series with a 3-1 win.

The final game and the end of the Mets' dream was decided early. In the third inning, Jackson again proved to be the killer with a two-run homer off Matlack that climaxed a four-run uprising. The final score was 5-2.

Stone: "I Wish I Had Started"

If there was one overriding question about the Mets' ultimate demise in 1973 it was: Why didn't Yogi Berra start George Stone in the World Series? Besides winning his final eight decisions down the stretch en route to a 12-3 season, Stone pitched brilliantly in his one start against the Cincinnati Reds in the National League Playoffs. He got no decision in the game, but shut down the Big Red Machine on three hits and one run in 6⅔ innings. Yogi, however, decided to go with a three-man rotation in the World Series, Seaver-Matlack-Koosman, using Stone as his long relief man.

"I could understand Yogi's thinking," Stone says 10 years later, "but looking back on it now, it's a great disappointment to me. Rube (Walker) had told me they felt I could be most effective pitching out of the bullpen for them. I wish, though, I had started because I feel like I could have beaten the A's. My arm was stronger than it had ever been at that time. I wound up pitching three shutout innings of relief in the Series, but that was it. I never got another chance because the following season I tore my rotator cuff and that was it."

1973

1973—Twilight for Willie Mays

The Great Willie Mays

Willie played in only 66 games for the '73 Mets and hit a career-low .211. In the World Series against the Oakland A's he discovered without a doubt the old magic was gone. It was Game Two. Mays had gone in as a pinch runner in the ninth inning and then went into center field for the bottom of the inning. Pinch hitter Deron Johnson led off for the A's and hit a liner to center that the old Willie would have swallowed up with one graceful running basket catch. But this Willie slipped and fell on his face as the ball went for a double. The A's went on to tie the score and send the game into extra innings. But in the 12th, Willie, fittingly, reached back and atoned for his earlier defensive pratfall by lining a single off Rollie Fingers that broke the tie and led the Mets to an eventual 10-7 victory. It was to be Willie's final RBI.

"I always said the press gave me those two last years in New York," Willie recalled. "They could have gotten on me, but they never did. I wasn't the same ballplayer and I didn't fool nobody. That's why I quit."

Actually, Willie's retirement was announced on the night of September 25 when the Mets honored him with a special "night" and showered him with gifts. Emotionally choked up, Willie addressed the packed-house crowd at Shea and said: "I thank you New York for everything but now it's time for Willie Mays to say goodbye to America." The Mets then went out and beat the Expos, 2-1, continuing their drive to what would be Willie Mays' final World Series.

To return to New York, scene of his greatest triumphs and warmest fans, was something Willie Mays wouldn't have passed up for anything. And the record will show that he got an extra bonus coming back to New York as a Met in 1972. He got to play in one final World Series, 1973, and hit a most respectable .286. But Willie Mays, a man of immense pride, knew better than anyone else that 1973 was a far cry from 1954. He was 42 and even though the ledger seemed to indicate he could still hit with the best of 'em, the legs, the eyes and the reflexes told him different.

Willie with N.Y. Giants 1951

Willie with San Francisco—1960's

1973 World Series

THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

1973

Ten Years Later: Where Are The '73 Mets Now?

Jim Beauchamp, the Mets' righthanded pinch hit specialist in '73, hit .279 in 50 games but was hampered most of the season with a pulled leg muscle. As a pinch hitter he was 9-for-34 with five RBI. Ten years later, Jim is still in baseball, serving as manager of the Toronto Blue Jays' Triple A farm club, Syracuse, in the International League.

Jim Beauchamp, Ken Boswell

Ken Boswell, pinch hitter deluxe of '73 Mets, batted .227 in 76 games that championship season. In the pinch he was 12-for-51 with two homers and eight RBI. In the World Series he made three pinch hitting appearances and got three hits to equal a Series record. Today, Boswell is back home in Austin, Tex. where he works as the truck manager for Cliff Peck Chevrolet.

Buzz Capra was a rookie in '73, getting his recall from Tidewater on June 9. He was 2-7 in 24 games that year, but his ERA was a respectable 3.86. Was traded to Braves the following season and was 16-8, winning the National League ERA title with a 2.28 mark. Arm trouble cut Capra's career short in '77, but still works for the Braves as a minor league pitching instructor.

Wayne Garrett, who served such a valuable role as the Mets' third baseman and occasional shortstop in '73, had the best season of his career, hitting .256 with 16 homers and 58 RBI for the NL champs. He remained with the Mets into the '76 season and retired in 1978. Today, Wayne is back in his hometown of Sarasota, Fla. working for a real estate firm.

Don Hahn was pressed into service as the Mets' regular center fielder when age and injury caught up to Willie Mays in '73. Recalled from Tidewater, June 9, Hahn hit .229 in 93 games, but gave his greatest value to the team with his glove. He played only two more seasons after '73 and is now living in Campbell, Calif. involved in property management.

Bud Harrelson, the guts and the glue of the '73 Mets infield, was limited to just 106 games because of two serious injuries that championship season. He hit .258 that year, but, more importantly, served as the unofficial team leader. Buddy remained with the Mets through 1977 and is now back with the club as a broadcaster.

Willie Mays concluded his 22-year major league career in 1973. Willie hit .211 in 66 games, plagued by injuries. Hit .286 in his final World Series. He commutes from California to New York these days and can be found quite often at Bally's Park Place Casino in Atlantic City where he does public relations work.

Cleon Jones, one of the all-time Mets heroes, battled injuries through most of 1973. Still managed to hit .260 with 11 homers. He hit .300 against the Reds in the playoffs and .286 vs. the A's in the World Series. Cleon remained with the Mets through '75. He has returned home to Mobile, Ala. where he keeps contacts with baseball in hopes of doing some coaching or scouting again.

Ed Kranepool, the original Met, hit .239 with 35 RBI in 100 games as backup first baseman and outfielder in '73. After being part of one of the unsuccessful groups that sought to buy the Mets from the Payson family in 1980, Ed plunged back into private business. Today he is vice president of sales for the Les Jay Corp., a display manufacturer company in Long Island City.

Buzz Capra

Jim McAndrew, 3-8 in 1973 and bothered by arm trouble, was traded to San Diego by the Mets after the season. He retired in 1974 and is now a sales manager for the Arco Coal Co. in Denver.

Felix Millan

Felix Millan, the only Met regular not to get cut down by the injury jinx in '73, hit .290 in 153 and had a Mets' club record of 185 hits. The steady second baseman remained with the Mets' through 1977 then went to Japan to finish his career. He has since returned home to his native Puerto Rico, where he lives today in Rio Piedras.

Harry Parker, long reliever, had the best season of his career in 1973, 8-4 with a 3.35 ERA, five saves in 38 games. Two years later the Mets traded him to the Cardinals. He retired in 1975 and is now living in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Ray Sadecki

Ray Sadecki, one of the valued supporting pitchers of '73 Mets, was 5-4 with a 3.39 ERA in 31 games as spot starter and long reliever. He remained in baseball through 1977 and is now a manufacturer's representative with a lighting company in Kansas City.

George Stone, the surprise of the '73 Mets staff, was one of only two starters with a winning (12-3) record. He won his last eight starts down the stretch and hurled four shutout innings of relief in the World Series. A rotator cuff injury finished George's career by 1975. Today he is back home in Ruston, La., working as a school counselor.

George Theodore

George Theodore, the happy-go-lucky "Mad Stork" was off to an impressive rookie season in '73 when he was sidelined by a violent outfield collision with Don Hahn on July 7. Theodore, who was out until Sept. 20 with a dislocated right hip, hit .259 in 45 games. He played only one more year in the majors before retiring. He now lives in Salt Lake City, Utah where he works as an elementary school counselor.

Still active today are **John Milner** (Pirates) the Mets' No. 1 first baseman in '73, **Rusty Staub** (of course), the rightfielder and leading run producer, plus pitchers **Jon Matlack** (Rangers), **Jerry Koosman** (White Sox), **Tug McGraw** (Phillies). The Met are also happy to still have **Ron Hodges** with them. **Tom Seaver?** Well, he went away for awhile but you know where he is now—back home where he belongs.

Chronology of Events: That Championship Season 1973

collision. Theodore dislocates his right hip and is through until mid-September.

7— The Hahn-Theodore collision necessitates Cleon Jones being reactivated ahead of schedule from his forearm injury.

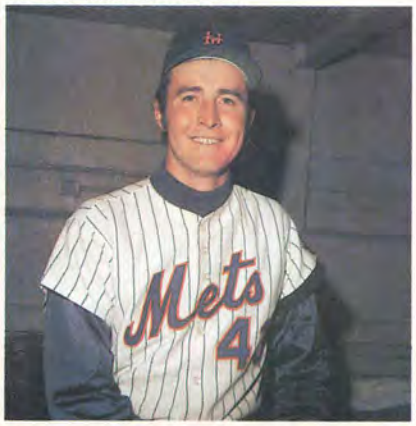
8— Bud Harrelson is reinstated from the disabled list after being sidelined a month with broken left wrist

10— Waivers are asked on reserve catcher Jerry May, who was hurt twice and played in only four games after being signed by Mets in emergency situation.

11 — Jim Fregosi is traded to Texas Rangers for a player to be named later

11 — Jerry Grote is reactivated from disabled list after being out nearly 3 months with a broken wrist

31 — Mets fall 13 games under .500 in 4-1 loss to Pirates



Jim McAndrew

AUGUST

1 — Mets split a doubleheader with Pirates and Felix Millan's 18-game hitting streak ends

3— Bud Harrelson goes back on the disabled list with a fractured sternum; Brian Ostrosser recalled from Tidewater

21-22— John Milner hits ninth-inning RBI singles to produce back-to-back one-run victories over the Dodgers

24— Jerry Koosman outduels Juan Marichal in 1-0, 10-inning Mets' win over Giants

29— Koosman shuts out Padres 3-0 and Mets climb out of last place for first time since June 27

SEPTEMBER

2— Righthander Craig Swan is purchased from Tidewater

5— George Theodore is reactivated from disabled list; Ray Sadecki shuts out Phillies 4-0 as Mets climb into fourth place

7— Mets sweep a doubleheader from Expos, 1-0, 4-2, the second game going 15 innings. Jon Matlack pitches opening game shutout and Tug McGraw wins nightcap in relief

Teddy Martinez

20— Willie Mays announces his retirement; Mets defeat Pirates 4-3 in 13 innings with the aid of miraculous defensive play by Cleon Jones, Wayne Garrett and Ron Hodges in the 13th.

21 — Mets slaughter Pirates 10-2 on homers by John Milner, Garrett and Rusty Staub to complete four-game sweep and move into first place for the first time since May 2. They also reach the .500 mark, 77-77 for the first time since May 29 when they were 21-21.

25— Mets edge Expos 2-1 on "Willie Mays Night" to go up a game and a half in the NL East

OCTOBER

1 — Tom Seaver, with the help of Tug McGraw's 25th save, defeats Cubs 6-4 for his 19th victory and the Mets clinch the NL East division on the last game of the season

10— Mets defeat Reds 7-2 behind the Seaver-McGraw combine again to win the National League play-offs and their second pennant in five years

Wayne Garrett

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SEPTEMBER 21

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	G.O.
Mets	77	77	.500	1st
Pittsburgh ..	75	76	.497	½
St. Louis	76	78	.494	1
Montreal....	75	78	.490	1½
Chicago.....	74	79	.484	2½
Philadelphia .	68	86	.442	8½

SEPTEMBER 25

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	G.O.
New York ...	80	77	.510	1st
Pittsburgh ..	78	78	.500	1½
Chicago.....	76	80	.487	3½
St. Louis	76	81	484	4
Montreal....	76	87	.481	4½
Philadelphia .	70	87	.446	10

FINAL - OCTOBER 1, 1973

Team	W.	L.	Pct..	G.O.
New York ...	82	79	.509	—
St. Louis	81	81	.500	1½
Pittsburgh ..	80	82	.494	2½
Montreal....	79	83	.488	3½
Chicago.....	77	84	.478	5
Philadelphia .	71	91	.438	11½

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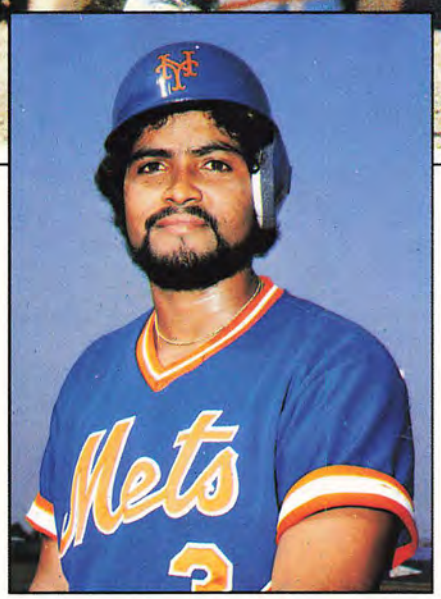


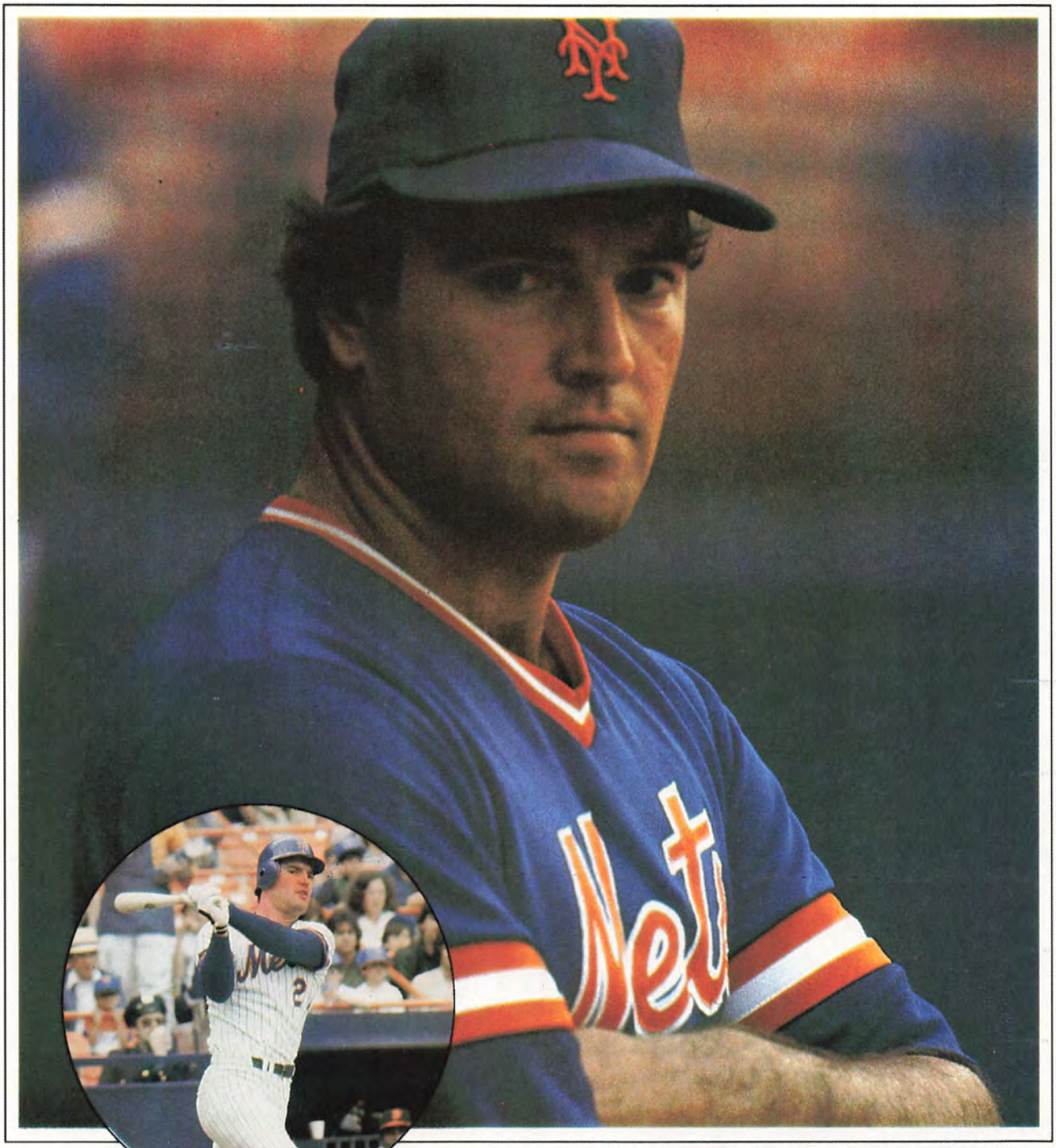
When it became evident in spring training that John Stearns would not be available for an extended period of time, Frank Cashen began his search for another catcher. From the start he concentrated on acquiring Junior Ortiz from the Pirates, and on June 14 he obtained the 23-year-old catcher in exchange for outfielder Marvell Wynne.

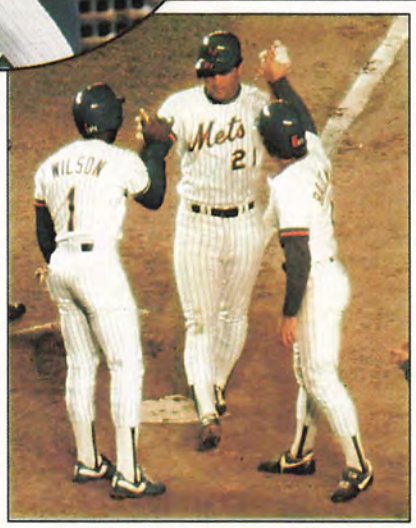
Junior, who hails from Humacao, Puerto Rico, is an excellent catcher with a strong throwing arm. Last season at Portland, he led the Pacific Coast League in putouts, assists and double-plays at his position, while hitting .292 with six homers and 57 RBI's.

His fine season at Portland in '82 earned him a promotion to the big leagues at the end of the year, and he singled off the Cards' Jim Kaat on September 30 for his first major league hit.

Gary RAJSICH 21

OUTFIELD





Gary Rajsich lost to the "numbers game" this spring. With so many lefty hitters like himself in camp—including veterans Rusty Staub, Danny Heep, and Mike Jorgensen—one had to be removed when the roster was cut to 25 men. The choice was to send Gary back to Tidewater, but he has definite plans to return to Shea before this season is over.

A 28-year-old rookie last year, Gary was used primarily as a pinch-hitter while Joel Youngblood and Ellis Valentine battled for the starting job in right. He struggled as a pinch-hitter managing just two hits in 35 plate appearances.

But when given the chance to play late in the year, Gary showed everyone that he could do the job. He hit .396 from September till the end of the season, and on the year hit safely in 25 of 34 starts with a .315 average.

Ronn REYNOLDS

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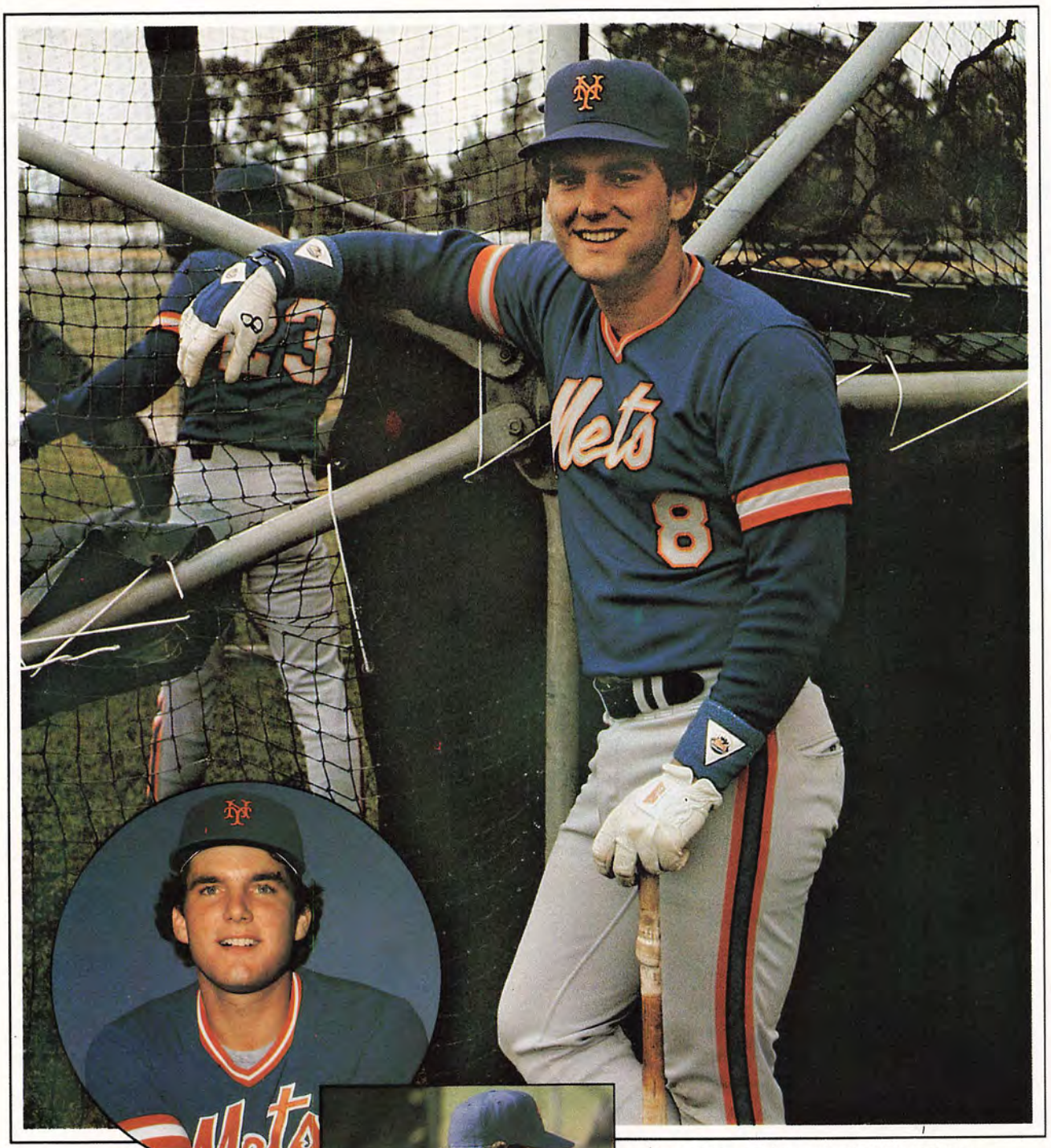

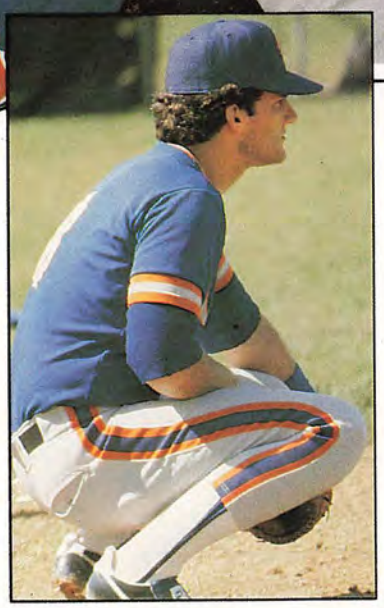

Ronn Reynolds made the jump from Double-A to the Mets last September, and is currently the number three catcher in the organization behind John Stearns and Ron Hodges.

One thing for sure, the defense will not suffer with Ronn behind the plate. The 24-year-old from Wichita, KS, led the Texas League catchers last year in games and putouts, and permitted just three passed balls in 102 games.

Ronn, who caught for the U. of Arkansas team that finished second in the 1979 College World Series, enjoyed his best season at the plate with Jackson last year. He hit .255 with 10 homers and 42 RBI's.

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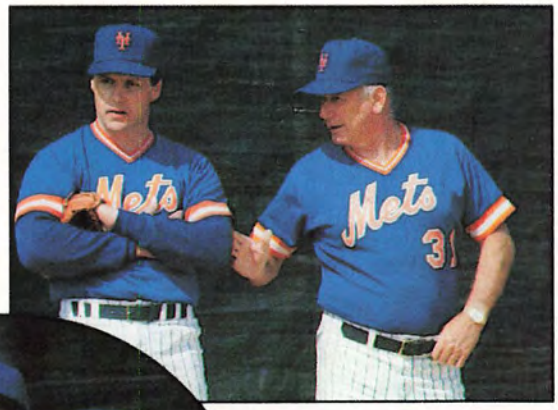
Tom SEAVER 41

PITCHER



Tom Seaver realizes he's not the 24-year-old pitcher who was 25-7 in 1969, but he also knows he's not the pitcher who was 5-13 with a 5.50 ERA with the Reds last year.

Never one to set goals for himself, Tom has made an exception this season, and that is to pitch 250 innings. That would amount to approximately 35 starts, and he knows that if he gets that much work the other numbers will fall in place.

After a season of illness and injury in 1982, Tom is glad to be home with his family and back to work at Shea Stadium. Mets' fans are just glad the future Hall-of-Famer is back where he belongs.

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Doug SISK

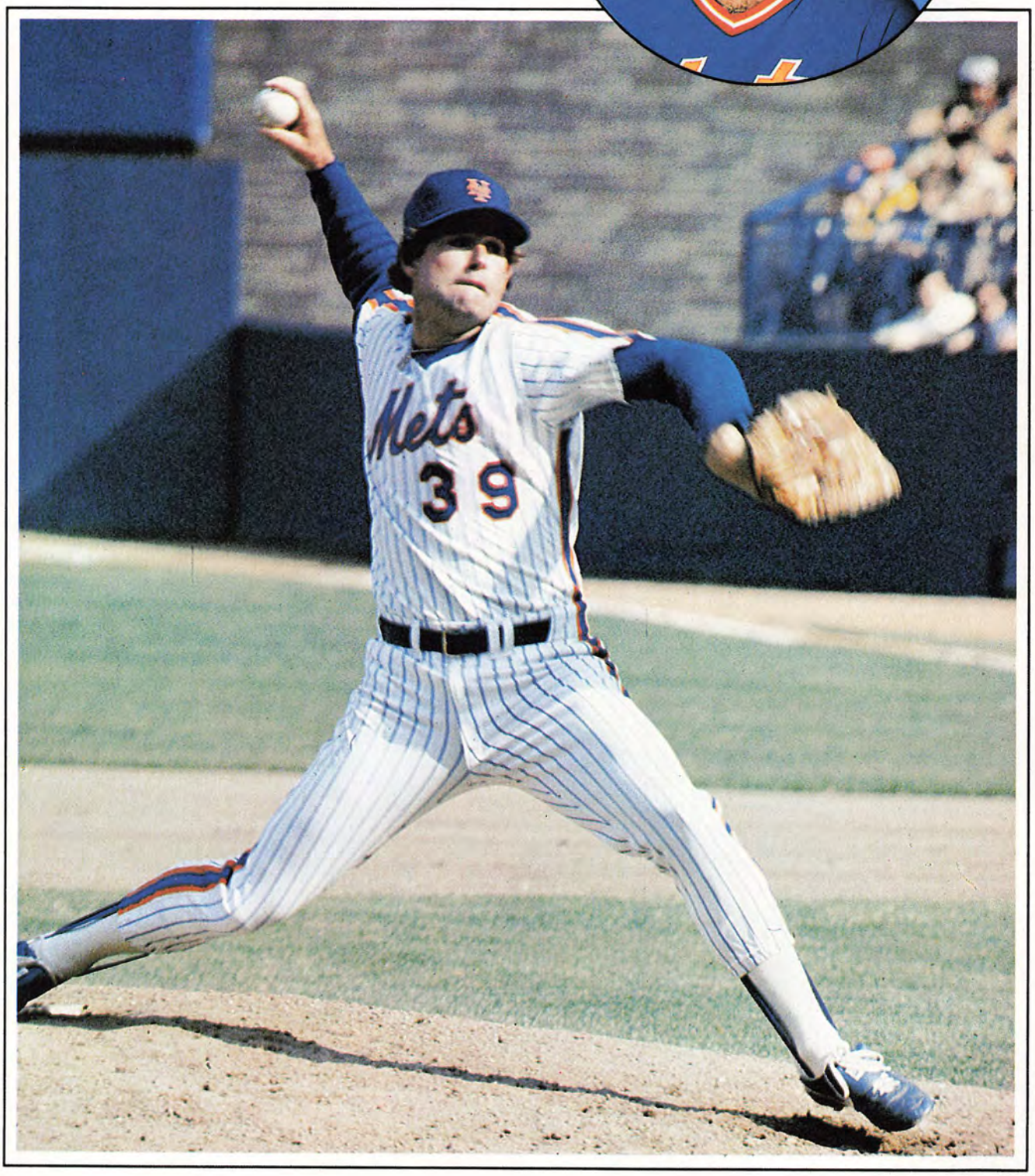
PITCHER

Doug Sisk had one of the finest seasons in the entire Mets' organization last year.

With just two minor league seasons behind him, Doug went to Jackson (AA) and finished the year with an 11-7 record and the Texas League ERA crown with a 2.67 mark. He saved five games in 35 relief appearances, and as a starter was 5-3 with six complete games in nine starts. For his efforts, he bypassed Triple-A and joined the Mets in September.

Doug, a 25-year-old graduate of Washington State University, appeared in eight games with the Mets and allowed just one run in 8⅔ innings.

Doug Sisk made quite a name for himself in 1982.



Rusty STAUB

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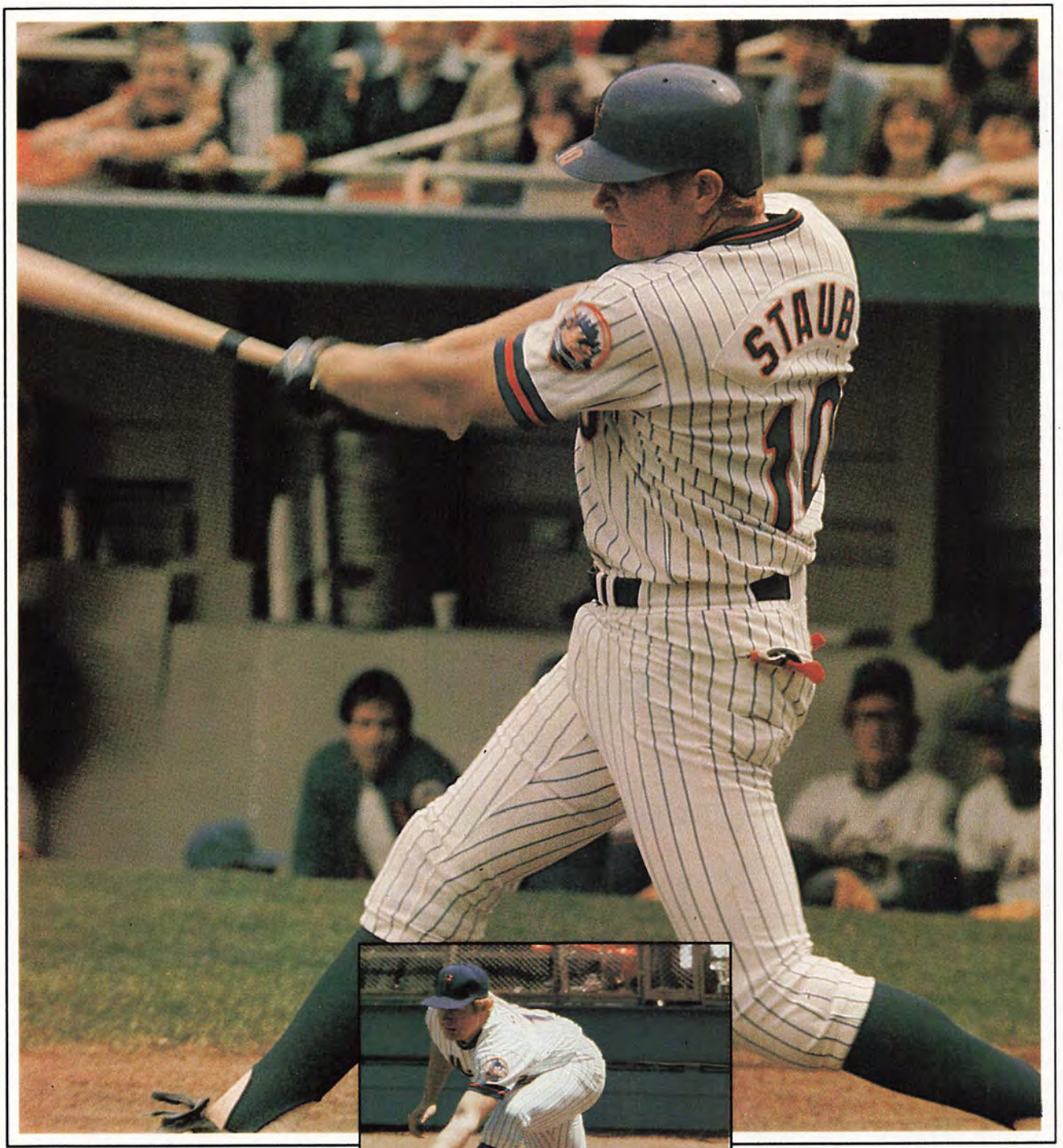

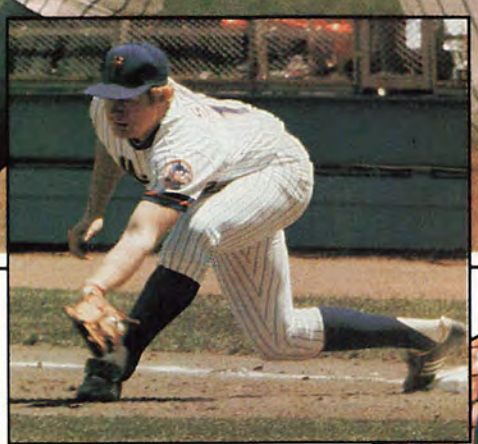

When Casey Stengel and the New York Mets were playing their first season in 1962, 18-year-old Rusty Staub was playing his first season of professional baseball with Durham in the Carolina League.

Rusty, with 18 years of major league experience behind him, continues to roll right along. He is third among active players behind Pete Rose and Carl Yastrzemski in games, at bats, hits and doubles. He needs 13 homers to reach the 300 plateau, and is one of only 40 players in baseball history to amass over 4,000 total bases.

Rusty is now used primarily as a pinch-hitter, and in '82 he contributed a homer and 13 RBI's in that role. He made 45 starts for the season and hopes to see more action in 1983.

PROMOTION DATES

Youngsters display the travel tote bag (left) and the sports bag (right) before sellout crowd at Shea. Both "bag days" will be repeated this year as part of the largest and most attractive promotional schedule in the history of the Mets.

Tuesday, April 5 ..... Opening Day Celebration
Saturday-Sunday, April 9-10 ..... Team Calendar Weekend (Getty)
Sunday, May 1 ..... Official Bat Day (15 & under) (Manufacturers Hanover Trust)
Saturday, May 7 ..... Seat Cushion Night (16 & older) (Yago Sant'Gria)
Sunday, May 22 ..... Team Helmet Day (15 & under) (Manufacturers Hanover Trust)
Saturday-Sunday, June 11-12 ..... Official Cap Weekend
Saturday-Sunday, June 25-26 ..... Team Jersey Weekend (15 & under) (Thorn Apple Valley)
Saturday, July 9 ..... Fireworks Night
Saturday, July 30 ..... Oldtimers' Day (Gatorade)
Sunday, July 31 ..... Banner Day
Saturday, August 13 ..... Sports Bag Night (Glad Wrap & Bags)
Friday, August 26 ..... Tankard Night (16 & older) (Michelob Light & Sportschannel)
Saturday, Sept. 3 ..... Travel Tote Bag Night
Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 17-18 ..... Team Picture weekend (Thorn Apple Valley)
Sunday, Sept. 18 ..... Team Hall of Fame Day
Saturday, October 1 ..... Fan Appreciation Day (Coca Cola)

John STEARNS

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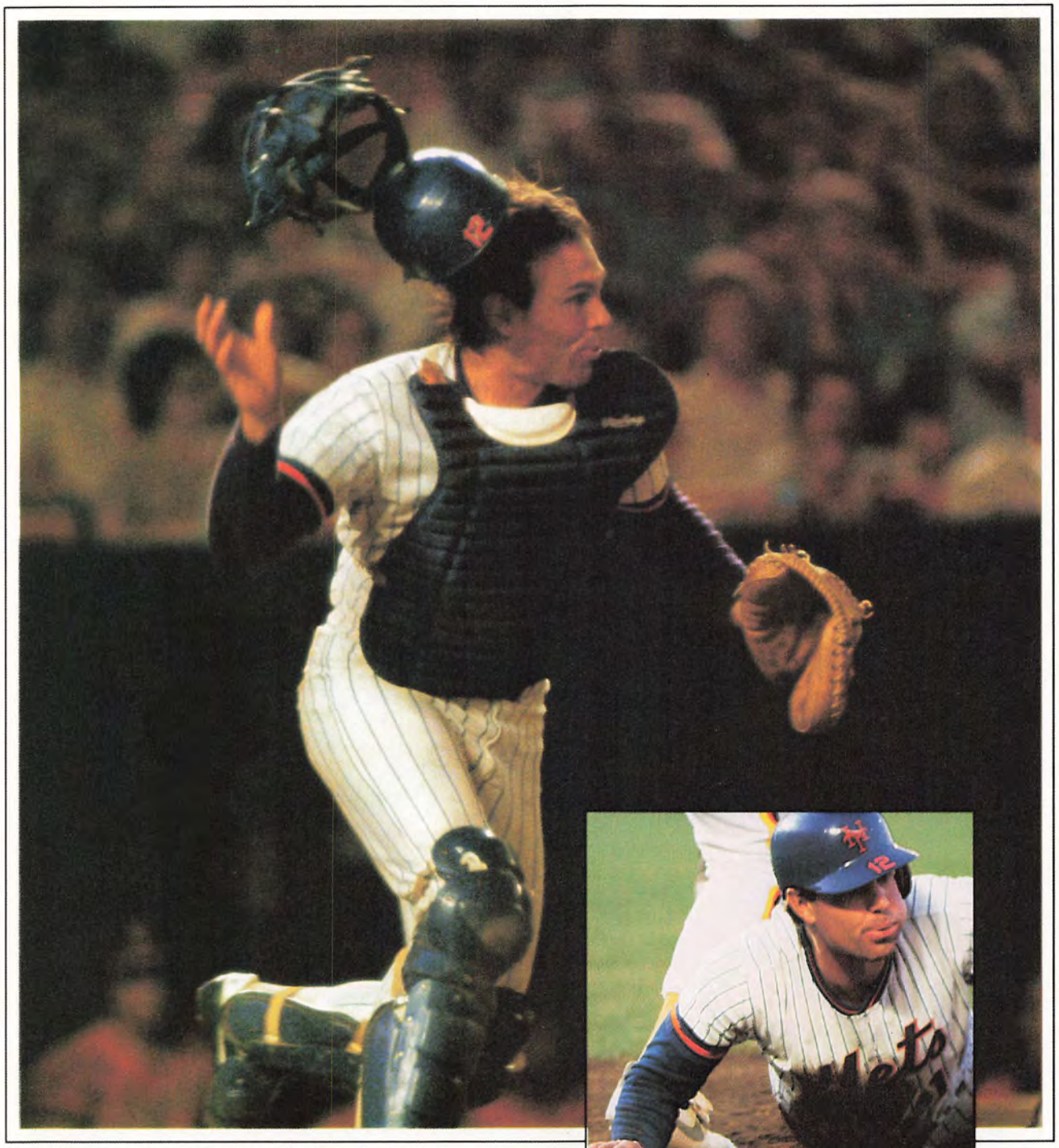

John Stearns was on his way to his finest season last year when he was forced to the sidelines with a sore right elbow.

John, 32, was among the league leaders in batting and doubles when he earned his fourth All-Star selection in the past six years. Early in the season he put together a career high 15-game hitting streak, and all along was stealing bases at a pace that would have broken his own N.L. mark for catchers of 25 set in 1978. He tied a club record with three steals in a game against the Dodgers on July 18.

Unfortunately for John and the Mets, he strained his throwing elbow and made his last start on August 12. Despite a rigid rehabilitation program over the winter, the elbow never did heal properly and he was forced to undergo surgery this past June.

The operation was a total success, and there's no reason that John should not enjoy a productive and healthy 1984 season.

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Craig SWAN

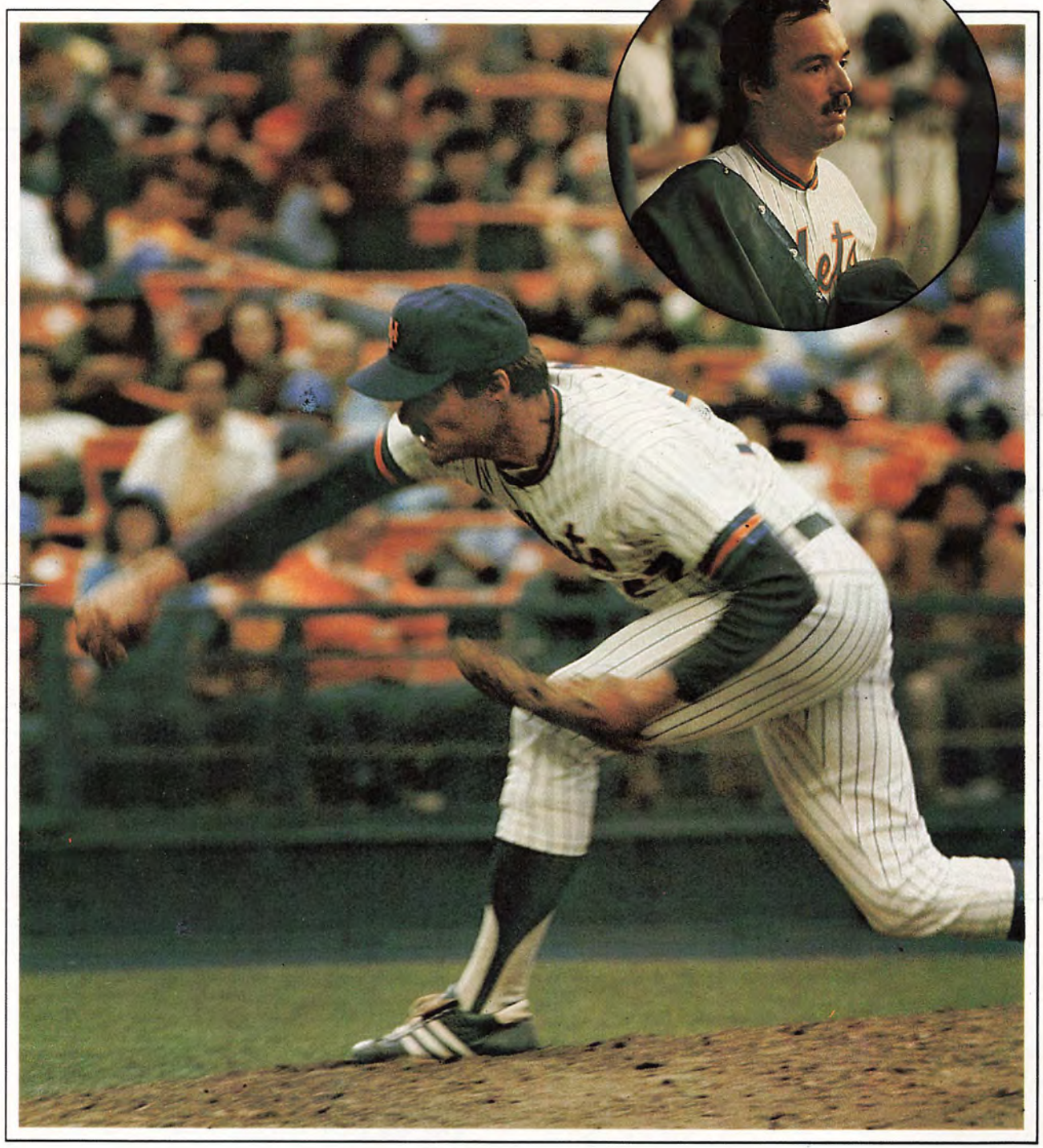
PITCHER

Craig Swan has made a rare comeback. He's a pitcher who made a complete recovery from a rotator-cuff injury.

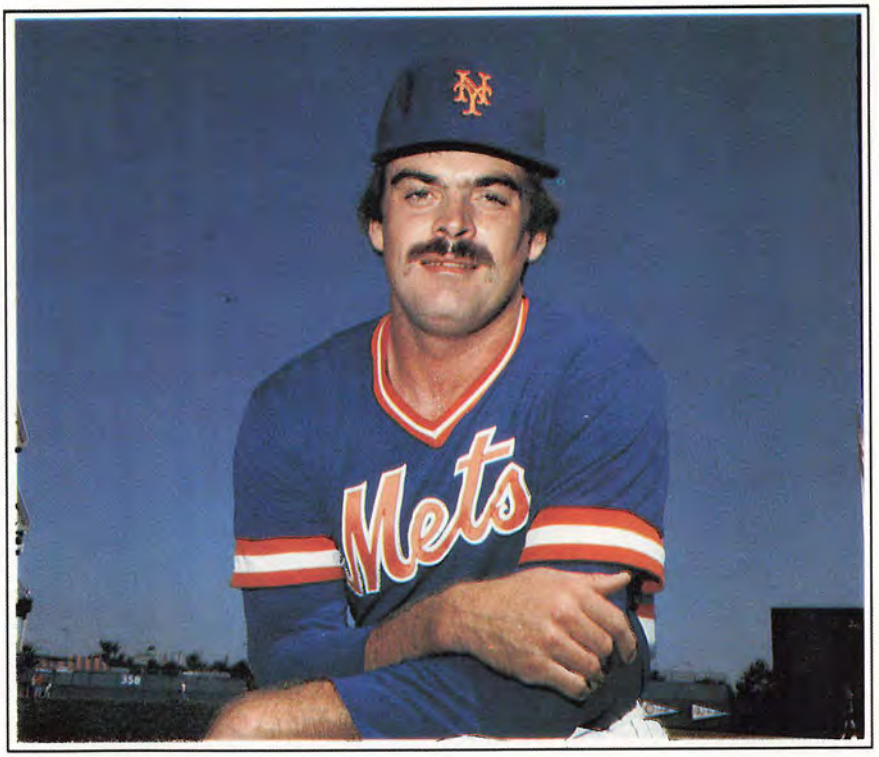
Following two years of treatment and therapy to correct the 1980 injury, Craig erased all doubts last year when he was 11-7 and pitched without pain throughout the season.

Manager George Bamberger sent Craig to the bullpen early in the year to strengthen his arm and shoulder. When he joined the starting rotation in June, he won five straight games and showed the form which won him the ERA title in 1978.

For his efforts, Craig just missed winning the N.L. Comeback-of-the-Year Award. That's one honor he hopes he will never again have a chance to win.



49 PITCHER Walt TERRELL

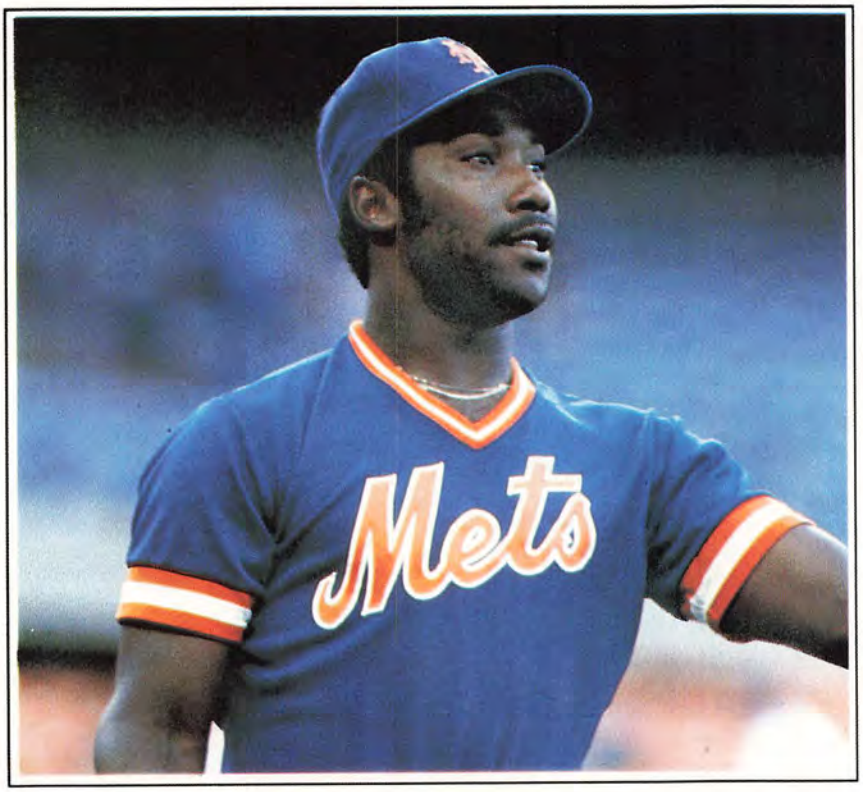


The Mets added pitchers Walt Terrell and Ron Darling to their pitching corps last spring in the Lee Mazzilli trade with the Texas Rangers.

Walt, who was coming off a 15-8 year with Tulsa (AA) in 1981, struggled with shoulder problems early last season and was just 2-7 at Tidewater after nine decisions. After spending a month on the disabled list from July 2-Aug. 2, everything came together for the big righthander and he won five of his last six decisions to lead the Tides to the International League Playoffs.

Walt, 25-years-old and a graduate of Morehead State University in Kentucky, made three starts in September for the Mets. Despite his 0-3 record, he averaged seven innings per start and posted a fine 3.43 ERA.

Rusty TILLMAN OUTFIELD 34



For the past four seasons Rusty Tillman has moved steadily "up the ladder" in the Mets' minor league system.

At Tidewater last year, the 22-year-old outfielder finished fourth in the International League with a .322 average. He drove in 54 runs and stole 26 bases, and led the Tides to the league championship by hitting .323 in the playoffs.

Rusty appeared in 12 games for the Mets in '82 and singled off the Reds' Joe Price for his first major league hit. It's a good bet that Rusty will be a familiar face at Shea very soon.

Mets Minor League Organization

First Row: Al Jackson, John Tamargo, Mike Cubbage, Sam Perlozzo. **Second Row:** Vern Hoscheit, Bob Apodaca, John Antonelli, John Cumberland. **Third Row:** Ken Berry, Bob Schaefer, Dave Johnson, Greg Pavlick, Ed Charles.

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1983 Minor League Teams

Tidewater (VA) Tides
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General Manager: Dave Rosenfield

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Coach: Charlie Green
General Manager: Jerry Martynuik

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Mike TORREZ

PITCHER

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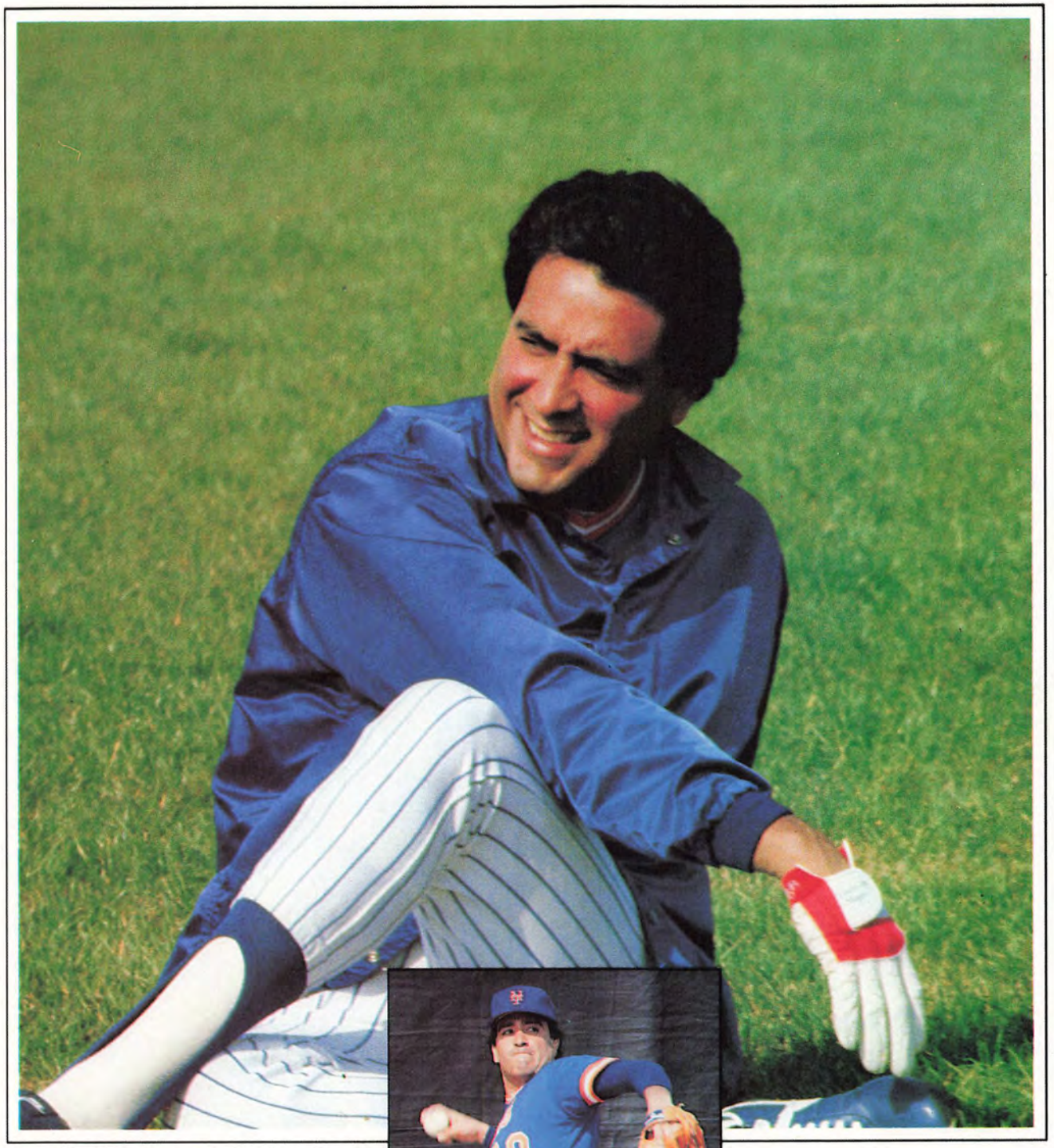
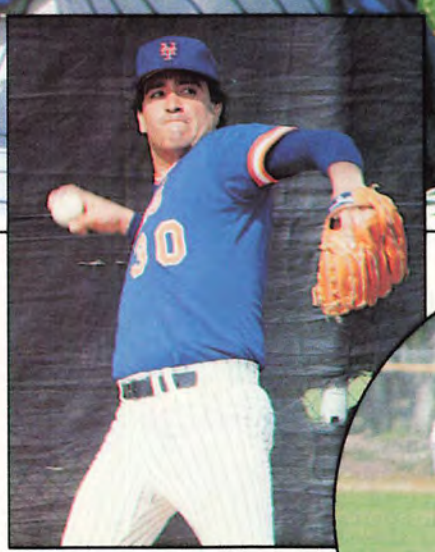




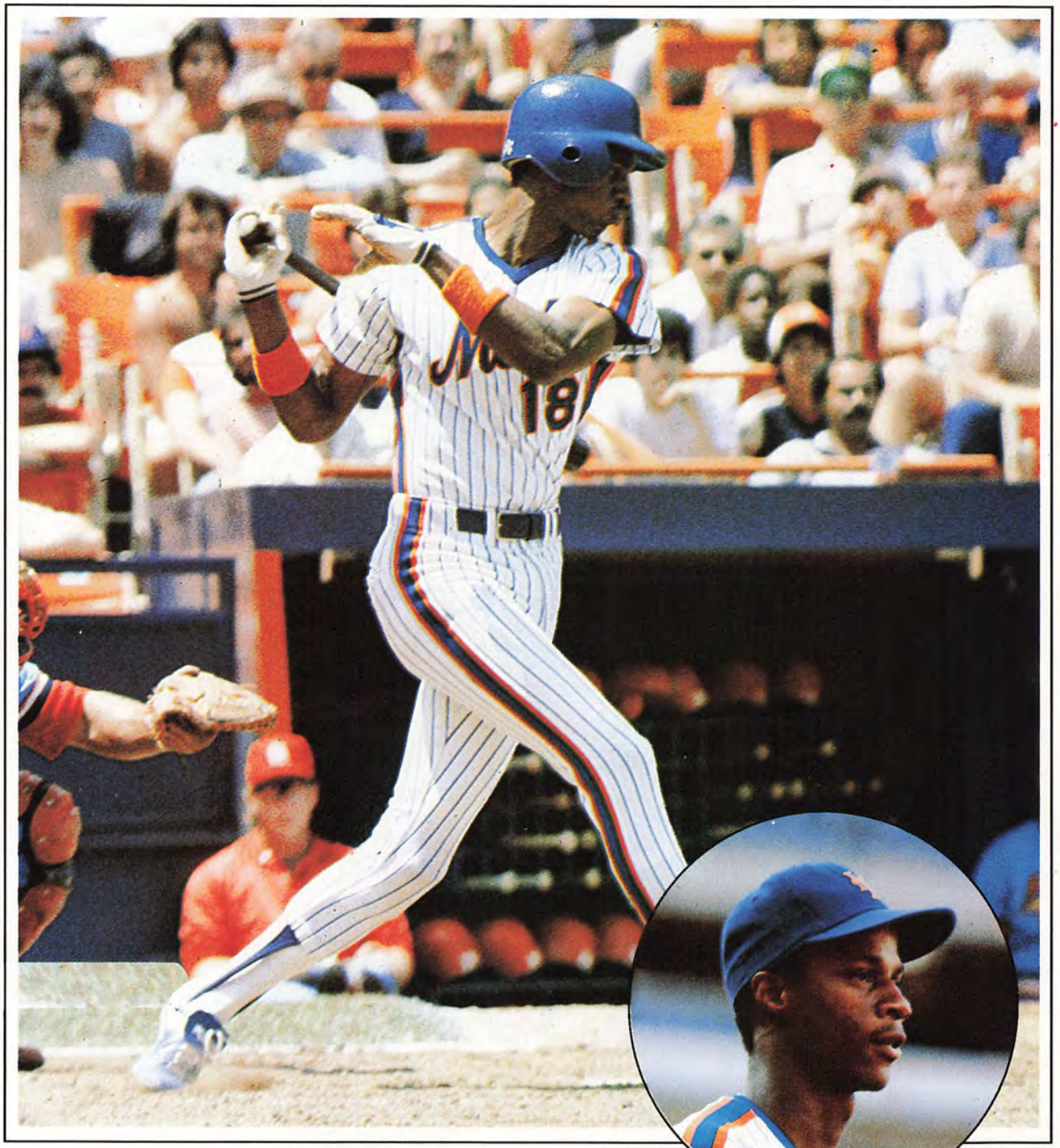
When Frank Cashen went looking for one more dependable, veteran starter after the acquisition of Tom Seaver, he certainly found his man in 36-year-old Mike Torrez.

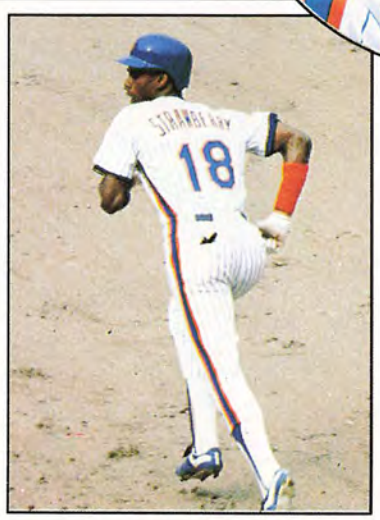
Mike, with more than 14 years experience in the big leagues, boasts a 174-138 lifetime record with wins over every club in baseball. He was 9-9 with the Red Sox last year and will admit that he's glad to get out of Fenway Park and the short left-field wall. Mike's last season in the National League was 1974 when he was 15-8 with the Expos.

Mike has one 20-win season in the majors and that was in 1975 with the Orioles. He feels the Baltimore pitching coach that season deserved much of the credit. The coach's name was George Bamberger.

18 Darryl STRAWBERRY

OUTFIELD



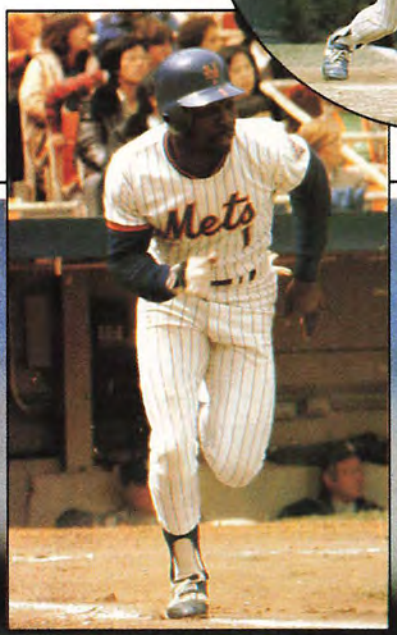


No rookie in the history of the Mets has attracted as much attention from the fans and media as 21-year-old Darryl Strawberry. He struggled after joining the club in early May but pressure is nothing new to Darryl.

Following a win at St. Louis on June 28 in which he drove in five runs with a pair of homers, Darryl commented, "These are the kind of numbers people expect of me, and I know I have to do it consistently to make it in the majors."

The 6-6 outfielder certainly put it all together last year at Jackson hitting .283 with 34 homers, 97 RBI's, and 45 stolen bases. For his efforts he was named the Texas League Most Valuable Player.

If all the baseball experts are correct in their assessment of Darryl's ability, Mets' fans have a lot to look forward to for years to come.



There wasn't much doubt when it came to choosing the Mets' Most Valuable Player for the 1982 season.

Mookie Wilson led the club in eight different categories—games played, at bats, runs, total bases, hits, doubles, triples and stolen bases. His nine triples tied the club record, and his 58 steals shattered the old mark of 42 set by Frank Taveras in 1979.

To further illustrate the kind of season Mookie had in '82, he drove in 55 runs batting in the leadoff position—third on the Mets behind Dave Kingman and George Foster.

As the Mets continue to rebuild, it's nice to know they don't have to worry about a center-fielder for many years to come.

Mookie
WILSON
OUTFIELD
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DOUBLEDAY AWARDS

The Doubleday Award was established last year and will be presented annually to the Most Valuable Player for each of the Mets' minor league teams. Eight players from six teams were honored last September 26 at Shea. The winners were:

Tidewater (AAA)—BRIAN GILES...Hit .278 and set a club record with 32 doubles...hit 11 homers and drove in 54 runs.

Jackson (AA)—DARRYL STRAWBERRY...MVP in the Texas League...led league with 34 homers...was second in steals with 45...was third in RBI's with 97...JEFF BITTIGER...Most Valuable Pitcher in the Texas League...was 12-5 with 2.96 ERA...led league with 190 strikeouts in 164 innings.

Lynchburg (A)—JODY JOHNSTON...Was 12-3 with 3.12 ERA...struck out 103 batters in 121 innings.

Shelby (A)—JOHN CHRISTENSEN...Outfielder who hit .334...hit 22 homers and led the league with 97 RBI's.

Little Falls (A)—DAVE COCHRANE...Third baseman who hit .302 with 22 homers and 62 RBI's in 76 games...JASON FELICE...Outfielder who hit .300 with 19 homers and 64 RBI's...has since been traded to Cincinnati in the Tom Seaver deal.

Kingsport (Rookie)—RICHARD DIAZ...Second-baseman who hit .328 and drove in 50 runs in 68 games...led the Appalachian League in doubles with 19.

Front Row: (L to R): Jason Felice, Brian Giles, Jeff Bittiger, Richard Diaz.
Back Row: Dave Cochrane, V.P. Lou Gorman, Darryl Strawberry, Nelson Doubleday, John Christensen, Jody Johnston, Director of Minor Leagues Steve Schryver, General Manager Frank Cashen.

Nelson Doubleday presents the Awards to the winners from the Mets' top two farm clubs. (L to R) Tidewater's Brian Giles, Jackson's Darryl Strawberry and Jeff Bittiger.

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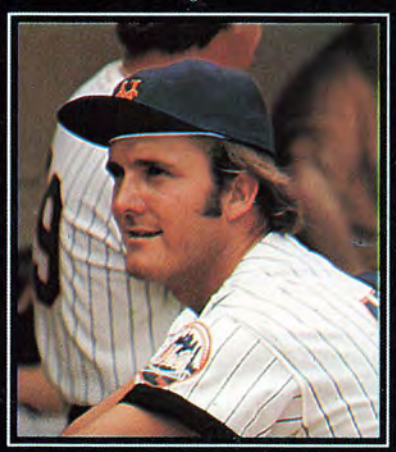

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MOST SAVES
in a season,
Tug McGraw ('72)

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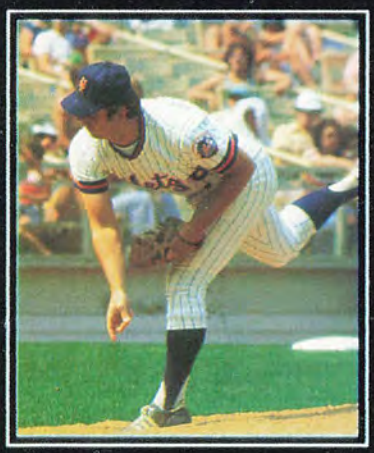
FEWEST STRIKEOUTS
in a season
(585 plate appearances),
Felix Millan ('74)

3 **MOST HOME RUNS** in a game, Jim Hickman ('65), Dave Kingman ('76) and Claudell Washington ('80)

58 **MOST STOLEN BASES** in a season, Mookie Wilson ('82)



63 **MOST APPEARANCES** in a season, Skip Lockwood ('77)

.340 **HIGHEST SEASON BATTING AVERAGE,** Cleon Jones ('69)

7 **MOST SHUTOUTS** in a season, Jon Matlack ('74) and Jerry Koosman ('68)

105 **MOST RBI'S** in a season, Rusty Staub ('75)

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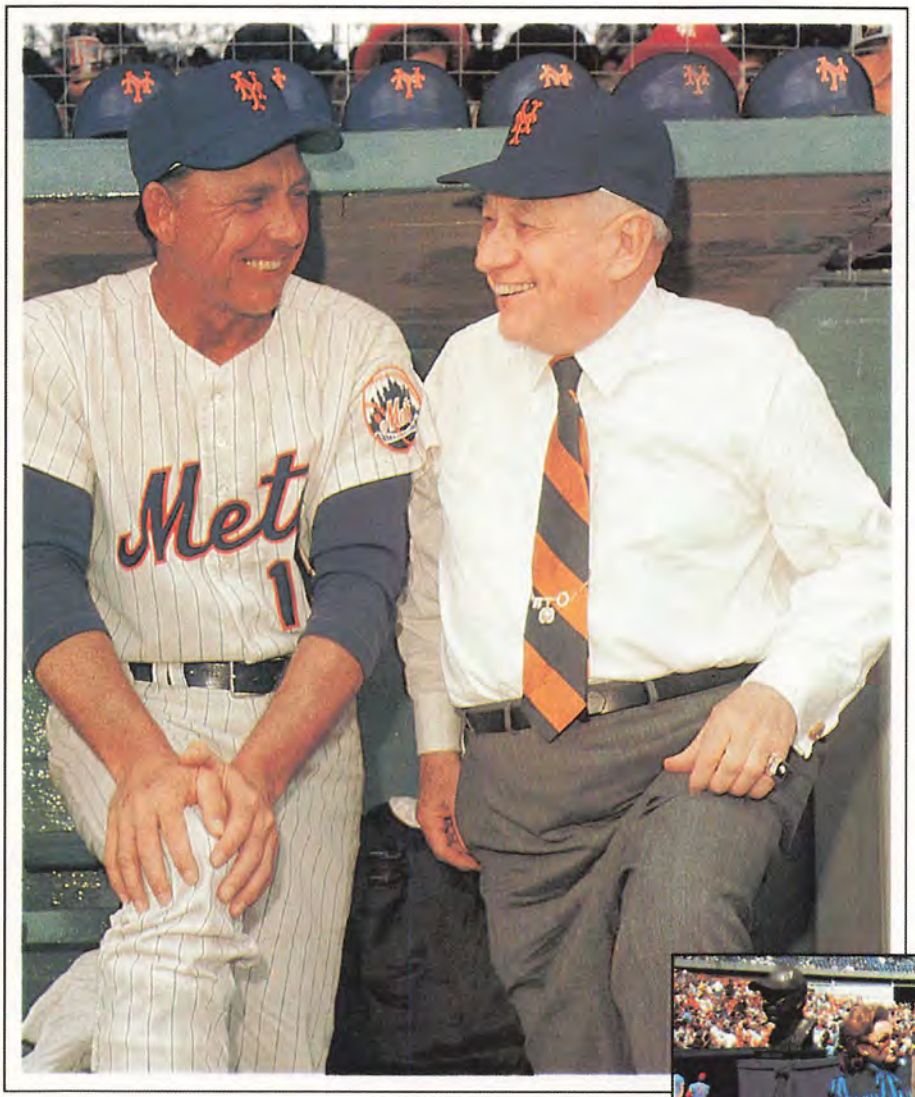

The late George Weiss and the late Gil Hodges, two figures who had an enormous impact on New York baseball and the Mets in particular, were enshrined in the Mets Hall of Fame on September 19, 1982.

The Mets Hall of Fame was inaugurated in 1981 with the induction of the late Joan Payson, the Mets' first owner, and the late Casey Stengel, the manager from the inception of the Mets in 1962 through 1965.

George Weiss was President and General Manager of the Mets from 1962 through 1966. He was responsible for the formation of the early Mets' teams that captured the hearts of baseball fans everywhere, while at the same time he developed a farm system that later led to the Mets' success in the late Sixties and early Seventies.

Gil Hodges took a team that lost 101 games in 1967, and in two years, turned them into the 1969 World Champions. Often overlooked is that Gil played for the Mets in 1962-63, and held the distinction of hitting the first home-run in the history of the club.

Both Weiss and Hodges passed away in 1972.

Joan Hodges accepts framed photograph of her late husband at last year's ceremonies. Making the presentation for the Mets is Arthur Richman, Asst. to the General Manager and Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee.

Joan W. Payson
Owner, 1962-1975
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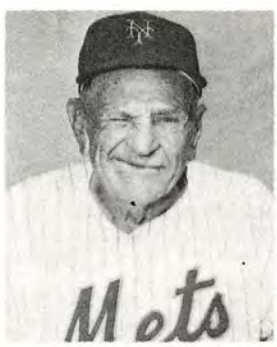

Casey Stengel
Manager, 1962-1965
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George M. Weiss
President-General Manager, 1962-1966
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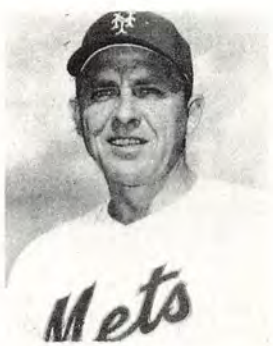

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Second Row: Mookie Wilson, Craig Swan, George Foster, Tom Seaver, Manager Frank Howard, Ron Hodges, Keith Hernandez, Hubie Brooks, Rusty Staub, Mike Torrez.

Third Row: Asst. to G.M. & Travel Director Arthur Richman, Brian Giles, Bob Bailor, Jesse Orosco, Dave Kingman, Ed Lynch, John Stearns, Danny Heep, Jose Oquendo, Tucker Ashford.

Fourth Row: Batboy Bobby Going, Mark Bradley, Doug Sisk, Scott Holman, Tom Gorman, Walt Terrell, Darryl Strawberry, Carlos Diaz, Junior Ortiz, Batboy Eddie Loud.

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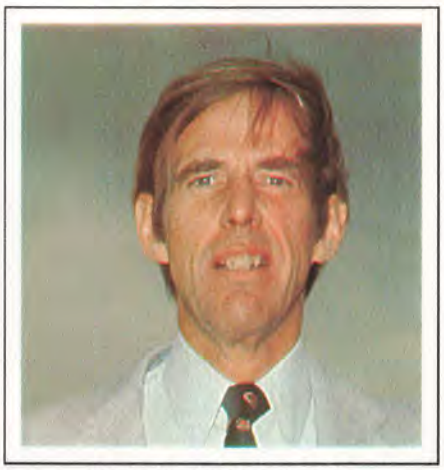

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1974-Walla Walla(A)	.243	77	263	56	64	7	2	4	30	52	36	4
1975-Alexandria(AA)	.237	120	376	33	89	12	1	3	38	25	39	3
1976-Amarillo(AA)	.272	132	519	91	141	29	0	12	67	55	77	10
1976-San Diego(NL)	.600	4	5	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
1977-Hawaii(AAA)	.281	73	281	53	79	21	4	7	45	29	36	14
1977-San Diego(NL)	.217	81	249	25	54	18	0	3	24	21	35	2
1978-Hawaii(AAA)	.311	14	45	6	14	4	0	0	6	6	7	3
1978-San Diego(NL)	.245	75	155	11	38	11	0	3	26	14	31	1
1979-Hawaii(AAA)	.255	146	509	70	130	25	6	13	62	62	91	17
1980-Charleston(AAA)	.279	107	366	50	102	18	3	8	38	45	45	16
1980-Texas(AL)	.125	15	2	2	4	0	0	0	3	3	3	0
1981-Columbus(AAA)	.300	132	504	81	151	32	8	17	86	65	61	7
1981-New York(AL)	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1982-Columbus(AAA)	.331	137	540	98	179	35	4	10	101	64	57	5
Major League Totals	.224	178	441	38	99	30	0	6	53	39	69	5

Wally Backman 6

INF, 5-9, 160 lbs., SW-R,
Born: 9-22-59, Hillsboro, OR; Resides: Beaverton, OR

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1977-Little Falls(Rookie)	.325	69	255	44	83	10	2	6	30	28	53	20
1978-Lynchburg(A)	.302	132	494	86	149	19	9	3	38	74	99	42
1979-Jackson(AA)	.282	110	404	63	114	11	5	2	19	35	50	23
1980-Tidewater(AAA)	.293	125	400	53	117	15	5	1	51	87	67	11
1980-Mets(NL)	.323	27	93	12	30	1	1	0	9	11	14	2
1981-Mets(NL)	.278	26	36	5	10	2	0	0	0	4	7	1
1981-Tidewater(AAA)	.153	21	59	6	9	3	1	0	6	10	8	2
1982-Mets(NL)	.272	96	261	37	71	13	2	3	22	49	47	8
Major League Totals	.285	149	390	54	111	16	3	3	31	64	68	11

GW-RBI: 1980-0; 1981-0; 1982-4. Total-4

Bob Bailor 4

INF-OF, 5-10, 160 lbs., R-R,
Born: 7-10-51, Connellsville, PA; Resides: Connellsville, PA

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1970-Bluefield(Rookie)	.273	46	121	18	33	3	0	0	8	6	14	11
1971-Aberdeen(A)	.340	68	268	71	91	11	2	2	50	39	20	25
1972-Lodi(A)	.290	129	528	95	153	16	3	2	34	54	50	63
1973-Asheville(AA)	.293	115	468	77	137	23	3	0	29	45	35	39
1973-Rochester(AAA)	.277	17	47	5	13	1	0	1	4	4	5	3
1974-Rochester(AAA)	.230	96	330	45	76	13	3	1	25	38	27	17
1975-Rochester(AAA)	.293	129	501	68	147	19	6	5	39	43	28	21
1975-Baltimore(AL)	.143	5	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
1976-Rochester(AAA)	.311	36	103	21	32	10	1	1	12	9	9	8
1976-Baltimore(AL)	.333	9	6	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1977-Toronto(AL)	.310	122	496	62	154	21	5	5	32	17	26	15
1978-Toronto(AL)	.264	154	621	74	164	29	7	1	52	38	21	5
1979-Toronto(AL)	.229	130	414	50	95	11	5	1	38	36	27	14
1980-Toronto(AL)	.236	117	347	44	82	14	2	1	16	36	34	12
1981-Mets(NL)	.284	51	81	11	23	3	1	0	8	8	11	2
1982-Mets(NL)	.277	110	376	44	104	14	1	0	31	20	17	20
Major League Totals	.266	698	2348	287	625	92	22	8	177	156	136	68

GW-RBI: 1980-3; 1981-2; 1982-5. Total-10

Mark Bradley 9

OF, 6-1, 185 lbs., R-R,
Born: 12-3-56, Elizabethton, KY; Resides: Elizabethton, KY

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1975-Bellingham(A)	.255	76	239	27	61	7	2	2	33	51	36	22
1976-Danville(A)	.307	119	381	73	117	19	3	6	47	95	72	54
1977-Lodi(A)	.329	140	486	104	160	35	6	16	87	93	95	26
1978-Lodi(A)	.248	29	109	23	27	2	0	2	11	16	28	7
1978-San Antonio(AA)	.202	92	277	49	56	14	1	3	30	60	75	25
1979-Lodi(AA)	.277	31	101	24	28	5	1	1	14	36	25	12
1979-San Antonio(AA)	.290	98	328	46	95	18	4	8	55	63	79	23
1980-San Antonio(AA)	.249	136	469	95	117	19	6	12	76	97	103	28
1981-San Antonio(AA)	.316	129	472	98	149	26	4	20	89	83	85	28
1981-Los Angeles(NL)	.167	9	6	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
1982-Albuquerque(AAA)	.317	139	523	112	166	31	11	12	101	90	103	50
1982-Los Angeles(NL)	.333	8	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Major League Totals	.222	17	9	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0

Hubie Brooks 7

INF, 6-0, 188 lbs., R-R,
Born: 9-24-56, Los Angeles, CA; Resides: Compton, CA

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1978-Jackson(AA)	.216	45	153	19	33	8	1	3	16	13	34	3
1979-Jackson(AA)	.305	112	406	68	124	21	2	3	28	51	59	14
1979-Tidewater(AAA)	.400	5	15	1	6	1	0	1	3	1	2	0
1980-Tidewater(AAA)	.297	113	417	50	124	18	5	3	50	36	56	14
1980-Mets(NL)	.309	24	81	8	25	2	1	1	10	5	9	1
1981-Mets(NL)	.307	98	358	34	110	21	2	4	38	23	65	9
1982-Mets(NL)	.249	126	457	40	114	21	2	2	40	28	76	6
Major League Totals	.278	248	896	82	249	44	5	7	88	56	150	16

GW-RBI: 1980-0; 1981-2; 1982-7. Total-9

Carlos Diaz 32

LHP, 6-0, 170 lbs., R-L,
Born: 1-7-58, Honolulu, HI; Resides: Kaneohe, HI

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1979-Bellingham(A)	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	0	2	8.	5	0	0	2	8
1979-San Jose(A)	4-1	6.38	26	0	0	0	3	24.	26	18	17	13	36
1980-Spokane(AAA)	3-5	3.94	58	0	0	0	9	64.	72	31	28	27	51
1981-Richmond(AAA)	4-3	2.81	35	0	0	0	11	48.	32	17	15	20	29
1982-Richmond(AAA)	3-4	2.53	31	0	0	0	9	53.	52	20	15	17	52
1982-Atl(NL)	3-2	4.62	19	0	0	0	1	25.1	31	15	13	9	16
1982-Mets(NL)	0-0	0.00	4	0	0	0	0	3.2	6	2	0	4	0
Major League Totals	3-2	4.03	23	0	0	0	1	29.	37	17	13	13	16

George Foster 15

OF, 6-1, 198 lbs., R-R,
Born: 12-1-48, Tuscaloosa, AL; Resides: Cincinnati, OH

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1968-Medford(A)	.277	72	253	47	70	9	5	3	30	28	20	3
1969-Fresno(A)	.321	121	449	68	144	5	8	14	85	37	59	1
1969-San Francisco(NL)	.400	9	5	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
1970-Phoenix(AAA)	.308	114	403	54	124	18	6	8	66	41	57	1
1970-San Francisco(NL)	.316	9	19	2	6	1	1	1	4	2	5	0
1971-SF-Cin(NL)	.241	140	473	50	114	23	4	13	58	29	120	7
1972-Cincinnati(NL)	.200	59	145	15	29	4	1	2	12	5	44	2
1973-Indianapolis(AAA)	.262	134	496	77	130	26	1	15	60	44	109	4
1973-Cincinnati(NL)	.282	17	39	6	11	3	0	4	9	4	7	0
1974-Cincinnati(NL)	.264	106	276	31	73	18	0	7	41	30	52	3
1975-Cincinnati(NL)	.300	134	463	71	139	24	4	23	78	40	73	2
1976-Cincinnati(NL)	.306	144	562	86	172	21	9	29	121	52	89	17
1977-Cincinnati(NL)	.320	158	615	124	197	31	2	52	149	61	107	6
1978-Cincinnati(NL)	.281	158	604	97	170	26	7	40	120	70	138	4
1979-Cincinnati(NL)	.302	121	440	68	133	18	3	30	98	59	105	0
1980-Cincinnati(NL)	.273	144	528	79	144	21	5	25	93	75	99	1
1981-Cincinnati(NL)	.295	108	414	64	122	23	2	22	90	51	75	4
1982-Mets(NL)	.247	151	550	64	136	23	2	13	70	50	123	1
Major League Totals	.282	1458	5133	758	1448	236	40	261	944	528	1038	47

GW-RBI: 1980-16; 1981-13; 1982-6. Total-35

Brent Gaff 45

RHP, 6-2, 200 lbs., R-R,
Born: 10-5-58, Fort Wayne, IN; Resides: Churubusco, IN

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1978-Wausau(A)	1-13	5.77	25	18	6	0	0	128.	159	106	82	68	71
1979-Wausau(A)	10-5	2.98	20	20	10	2	0	145.	147	71	48	48	99
1980-Jackson(AA)	8-10	4.34	25	25	6	1	0	157.	184	95	76	76	84
1981-Jackson(AA)	5-1	2.53	7	7	5	2	0	57.	48	18	16	13	27
1981-Tidewater(AAA)	9-5	2.94	23	21	7	0	0	147.	150	54	48	64	59
1982-Tidewater(AAA)	9-8	4.02	23	20	5	2	1	132.	142	63	59	41	83
1982-Mets(NL)	0-3	4.55	7	5	0	0	0	32.	41	22	16	10	14
Major League Totals	0-3	4.55	7	5	0	0	0	32.	41	22	16	10	14

Ron Gardenhire 19

INF, 6-0, 174 lbs., R-R,
Born: 10-24-57, Butzbach Germany; Resides: Wichita, KS

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1979-Lynchburg(A)	.296	70	277	36	82	13	3	4	27	21	45	9
1980-Jackson(AA)	.258	127	458	58	118	16	6	6	64	45	68	13
1981-Tidewater(AAA)	.254	125	414	52	105	17	8	2	40	28	61	28
1981-Mets(NL)	.271	27	48	2	13	1	0	0	3	5	9	2
1982-Mets(NL)	.240	141	384	29	92	17	1	3	33	23	55	5
Major League Totals	.243	168	432	31	105	18	1	3	36	28	64	7

GW-RBI: 1981-0; 1982-3. Total-3

Brian Giles 23

INF, 6-1, 162 lbs., R-R,
Born: 4-27-60, Manhattan, KS; Resides: San Diego, CA

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1978-Little Falls(A)	.226	61	195	36	44	5	5	4	21	36	48	20
1979-Lynchburg(A)	.299	86	278	40	83	16	2	2	33	47	52	4
1980-Jackson(AA)	.286	132	448	76	128	30	8	10	57	51	80	9
1981-Tidewater(AAA)	.268	121	400	60	107	17	3	7	40	49	70	16
1981-Mets(NL)	.000	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
1982-Tidewater(AAA)	.278	108	352	48	98	32	4	11	54	37	81	16
1982-Mets(NL)	.210	45	138	14	29	5	0	3	10	12	29	6
Major League Totals	.200	54	145	14	29	5	0	3	10	12	32	6

GW-RBI: 1981-0; 1982-1. Total-1

Tom Gorman 29

LHP, 6-4, 200 lbs., L-L,
Born: 12-15-57, Portland, OR; Resides: Woodburn, OR

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1980-Memphis(AA)	6-4	2.74	25	5	1	0	2	69.	64	34	21	22	45
1981-Memphis(AA)	12-9	3.07	52	0	0	0	22	91.	82	39	31	30	91
1981-Montreal(NL)	0-0	4.20	9	0	0	0	0	15.	12	7	7	6	13
1982-Wichita(AAA)	8-7	5.20	23	16	6	1	1	119.1	131	77	69	35	69
1982-Tidewater(AAA)	1-1	6.35	4	1	0	0	0	11.	12	8	8	4	6
1982-Mtl-Mets(NL)	1-1	2.76	8	1	0	0	0	16.1	16	5	5	4	13
Major League Totals	1-1	3.48	17	1	0	0	0	31.1	28	12	12	10	26

Keith Hernandez 17

INF, 6-0, 195 lbs., L-L,
Born: 10-23-53, San Francisco, CA; Resides: St. Louis, MO

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1972-St. Petersburg(A)	.256	84	309	38	79	16	5	5	41	42	39	6
1972-Tulsa(AAA)	.241	11	29	5	7	1	0	0	1	0	6	0
1973-Arkansas(AA)	.260	105	388	62	101	20	2	3	52	49	53	8
1973-Tulsa(AAA)	.333	31	120	20	40	6	1	5	25	9	18	0
1974-Tulsa(AAA)	.351	102	353	67	124	18	6	14	63	48	50	0
1974-St. Louis(NL)	.294	14	34	3	10	1	2	0	2	7	8	0
1975-St. Louis(NL)	.250	64	188	20	47	8	2	3	20	17	26	0
1975-Tulsa(AAA)	.330	85	324	70	107	29	3	10	48	62	48	3
1976-St. Louis(NL)	.289	129	374	54	108	21	5	7	46	49	53	4
1977-St. Louis(NL)	.291	161	560	90	163	41	4	15	91	79	88	7
1978-St. Louis(NL)	.255	159	542	90	138	32	4	11	64	82	68	13
1979-St. Louis(NL)	.344	161	610	116	210	48	11	11	105	80	78	11
1980-St. Louis(NL)	.321	159	595	111	191	39	8	16	99	86	73	14
1981-St. Louis(NL)	.306	103	376	65	115	27	4	8	48	61	45	12
1982-St. Louis(NL)	.299	160	579	79	173	33	6	7	94	100	67	19
Major League Totals	.299	1110	3858	628	1155	250	46	78	569	561	506	80

Danny Heep 25

OF-1B, 5-11, 185 lbs., L-L,
Born: 7-3-57, San Antonio, TX; Resides: San Antonio, TX

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1978-Daytona Beach(A)	.340	66	212	29	72	18	2	2	24	50	25	0
1979-Columbus(AA)	.327	138	523	103	171	30	5	21	84	49	32	7
1979-Houston(NL)	.143	14	14	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	4	0
1980-Tucson(AAA)	.343	96	376	63	129	28	5	17	69	36	36	0
1980-Houston(NL)	.276	33	87	6	24	8	0	0	6	8	9	0
1981-Houston(NL)	.250	33	96	6	24	3	0	0	11	10	11	0
1981-Tucson(AAA)	.337	78	285	55	96	23	5	11	60	47	19	3
1982-Houston(NL)	.237	85	198	16	47	14	1	4	22	21	31	0
Major League Totals	.246	165	395	28	97	25	1	4	41	40	55	0

GW-RBI: 1980-0; 1981-2; 1982-1. Total-3

Ron Hodges 42

C, 6-1, 187 lbs., L-R,
Born: 6-22-49, Franklin County, VA; Resides: Rocky Mount, VA

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1972-Pompano Beach(A)	.256	112	359	59	92	15	4	15	48	71	43	1
1973-Memphis(AA)	.173	47	139	12	24	4	0	1	11	27	30	0
1973-Mets(NL)	.260	45	127	5	33	2	0	1	18	11	19	0
1974-Mets(NL)	.221	59	136	16	30	4	0	4	14	19	11	0
1975-Tidewater(AAA)	.266	95	278	27	74	8	0	2	33	45	33	2
1975-Mets(NL)	.206	9	34	3	7	1	0	2	4	1	6	0
1976-Mets(NL)	.226	56	155	21	35	6	0	4	24	27	16	2
1977-Mets(NL)	.265	66	117	6	31	4	0	1	5	9	17	0
1978-Mets(NL)	.255	47	102	4	26	4	1	0	7	10	11	1
1979-Mets(NL)	.163	59	86	4	14	4	0	0	5	19	16	0
1980-Mets(NL)	.238	36	42	4	10	2	0	0	5	10	13	1
1981-Mets(NL)	.302	35	43	5	13	2	0	1	6	5	8	1
1982-Mets(NL)	.246	80	228	26	56	12	1	5	27	41	40	4
Major League Totals	.238	492	1070	94	255	41	2	18	115	152	157	9

GW-RBI: 1980-2; 1981-0; 1982-2. Total-4

Scott Holman 28

RHP, 6-0, 194 lbs., R-R,
Born: 9-18-58, Santa Paula, CA; Resides: Camarillo, CA

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1977-Wausau(A)	3-11	3.51	48	2	0	0	11	100.	96	51	39	37	83
1978-Jackson(AA)	11-5	3.25	23	23	6	0	0	138.	128	57	50	66	68
1979-Tidewater(AAA)	13-7	1.99	24	23	7	4	0	149.	125	45	33	51	62
1980-Tidewater(AAA)	3-3	4.88	11	11	1	0	0	48.	54	35	26	18	16
1980-Mets(NL)	0-0	1.29	4	0	0	0	0	7.	6	2	1	1	3
1981-Jackson(AA)	4-9	3.85	20	20	2	1	0	110.	106	57	47	71	43
1982-Tidewater(AAA)	10-8	3.43	24	24	3	1	0	141.2	125	61	54	95	67
1982-Mets(NL)	2-1	2.36	4	4	1	0	0	26.2	23	10	7	7	11
Major League Totals	2-1	2.14	8	4	1	0	0	33.2	29	12	8	8	14

Mike Howard 5

INF-OF, 6-2, 190 lbs., SW-R,
Born: 4-2-58, Seattle, WA; Resides: Sacramento, CA

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1976-Bellingham(A)	.193	50	119	17	23	3	2	0	17	19	39	2
1977-Lodi(A)	.000	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0
1977-Lethbridge(Rookie)	.259	51	170	35	44	8	3	0	15	40	24	11
1978-Clinton(A)	.289	95	294	53	85	15	2	2	29	31	49	22
1979-Jackson(AA)	.228	131	447	43	102	13	3	2	42	43	50	31
1980-Jackson(AA)	.291	135	508	91	148	30	8	9	56	66	55	24
1981-Tidewater(AAA)	.278	120	418	56	116	22	5	6	33	48	62	23
1981-Mets(NL)	.167	14	24	4	4	1	0	0	3	4	6	2
1982-Tidewater(AAA)	.286	99	332	62	95	12	10	5	33	58	37	17
1982-Mets(NL)	.179	33	39	5	7	0	0	1	3	6	7	2
Major League Totals	.175	47	63	9	11	1	0	1	6	10	13	4

GW-RBI: 1981-1; 1982-0. Total-1

Dave Kingman 26

INF-OF, 6-6, 218 lbs., R-R,
Born: 12-21-48, Pendleton, OR; Resides: Chicago, IL/San Diego, CA

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1970-Amarillo(AA)	.295	60	210	41	62	9	1	15	41	37	64	3
1971-Phoenix(AAA)	.278	105	392	89	109	29	5	26	99	32	105	11
1971-San Francisco(NL)	.278	41	115	17	32	10	2	6	24	9	35	5
1972-San Francisco(NL)	.225	135	472	65	106	17	4	29	83	51	140	16
1973-San Francisco(NL)	.203	112	305	54	62	10	1	24	55	41	122	8
1974-San Francisco(NL)	.223	121	350	41	78	18	2	18	55	37	125	8
1975-Mets(NL)	.231	134	502	65	116	22	1	36	88	34	153	7
1976-Mets(NL)	.238	123	474	70	113	14	1	37	86	28	135	7
1977-METS-SD(NL)	.222	114	379	38	84	16	0	20	67	25	114	5
1977-Cal-NY(AL)	.217	18	60	9	13	4	0	6	11	3	29	0
1978-Chicago(NL)	.266	119	395	65	105	17	4	28	79	39	111	3
1979-Chicago(NL)	.288	145	532	97	153	19	5	48	115	45	131	4
1980-Chicago(NL)	.278	81	255	31	71	8	0	18	57	21	44	2
1981-Mets(NL)	.221	100	353	40	78	11	3	22	59	55	105	6
1982-Mets(NL)	.204	149	535	80	109	9	1	37	99	59	156	4
Major League Totals	.237	1392	4727	672	1120	175	24	329	878	447	1400	75

GW-RBI: 1980-4; 1981-6; 1982-10. Total-20

Terry Leach 43

RHP, 6-0, 185 lbs., R-R,
Born: 3-13-55, Selma, AL; Resides: Selma, AL

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1976-Baton Rouge(A)	0-1	8.00	2	1	1	0	0	9.	12	9	8	7	7
1977-Greenwood(A)	3-2	2.55	10	0	0	0	3	67.	47	25	19	24	67
1978-Savannah(AA)	1-0	5.04	9	2	0	0	0	25.	24	17	14	13	21
1978-Kinston(A)	5-4	3.27	34	0	0	0	8	66.	57	29	24	25	46
1979-Savannah(AA)	2-9	1.96	40	0	0	0	2	92.	77	33	20	26	68
1979-Richmond(AAA)	3-1	1.93	7	2	1	0	1	14.	14	3	3	4	12
1980-Savannah(AA)	5-1	3.66	24	5	2	0	1	91.	90	43	37	20	60
1980-Jackson(AA)	5-1	1.50	8	7	3	2	0	54.	50	16	3	15	30
1981-Jackson(AA)	5-1	1.71	8	7	2	1	0	58.	47	14	11	12	43
1981-Tidewater(AAA)	5-2	2.73	15	8	4	1	0	76.	63	27	23	19	42
1981-Mets(NL)	1-1	2.57	21	1	0	0	0	35.	26	11	10	12	16
1982-Tidewater(AAA)	4-1	2.96	30	0	0	0	5	49.	48	20	16	19	34
1982-Mets(NL)	2-1	4.17	21	1	1	1	3	45.1	46	22	21	18	30
Major League Totals	3-2	3.47	42	2	1	1	3	80.1	72	33	31	30	46

Tim Leary 38

RHP, 6-3, 190 lbs., R-R,
Born: 12-23-58, Santa Monica, CA; Resides: Santa Monica, CA

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1980-Jackson(AA)	15-8	2.76	26	26	11	6	0	173.	150	67	53	62	138
1981-Mets(NL)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	2.	0	0	0	1	3
1981-Tidewater(AAA)	1-3	3.71	6	6	1	0	0	34.	27	16	14	27	15
1982-						(Did not pitch)							
Major League Totals	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	2.	0	0	0	1	3

Ed Lynch 36

RHP, 6-5, 207 lbs., R-R,
Born: 2-25-56, Brooklyn, NY; Resides: Miami, FL

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1977-Sarasota(Rookie)	1-4	3.70	13	6	2	0	2	56.	61	31	23	15	36
1978-Asheville(A)	7-9	3.29	18	18	7	1	0	123.	122	55	45	33	79
1978-Tulsa(AA)	4-3	2.65	7	7	5	0	0	54.	61	25	16	14	44
1979-Tucson(AAA)	10-11	4.79	27	25	6	2	0	156.	184	95	83	37	65
1980-Tidewater(AAA)	13-6	3.15	24	24	11	0	0	163.	151	69	57	42	91
1980-Mets(NL)	1-1	5.21	5	4	0	0	0	19.	24	12	11	5	9
1981-Tidewater(AAA)	7-6	3.91	15	15	6	3	0	99.	93	46	43	29	54
1981-Mets(NL)	4-5	2.93	17	13	0	0	0	80.	79	32	26	21	27
1982-Mets(NL)	4-8	3.55	43	12	0	0	2	139.1	145	57	55	40	51
Major League Totals	9-14	3.47	65	29	0	0	2	238.1	248	101	92	66	87

Jose Oquendo 2

INF, 5-10, 156 lbs., R-R,
Born: 7-4-63, Rio Piedras, PR; Resides: Rio Piedras, PR

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1979-Grays Harbor(A)	.227	64	220	24	50	8	0	1	14	33	45	9
1980-Lynchburg(A)	.169	109	391	38	51	10	3	0	26	47	59	14
1982-Lynchburg(A)	.249	124	393	59	98	8	6	0	38	71	60	38
1982-Tidewater(AAA)	.214	114	337	40	72	8	3	0	22	41	50	24

Jesse Orosco 47

LHP, 6-2, 185 lbs., R-L,
Born: 4-21-57, Santa Barbara, CA; Resides: Lompoc, CA

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1978-Elizabethton(Rookie)	4-4	1.13	20	0	0	0	6	40.	29	7	5	20	48
1979-Mets(NL)	1-2	4.89	18	2	0	0	0	35.	33	20	19	22	22
1979-Tidewater(AAA)	4-4	3.89	16	15	1	0	0	81.	82	45	35	43	55
1980-Jackson(AA)	4-4	3.68	37	1	0	0	3	71.	52	36	29	62	85
1981-Tidewater(AAA)	9-5	3.31	46	10	0	0	8	87.	30	39	32	32	81
1981-Mets(NL)	0-1	1.59	8	0	0	0	1	17.	13	4	3	6	18
1982-Mets(NL)	4-10	2.72	54	2	0	0	4	109.1	92	37	33	40	89
Major League Totals	5-13	3.07	80	4	0	0	5	161.1	138	61	55	68	129

Junior Ortiz 34

C, 5-11, 174 lbs., R-R,
Born: 10-24-59, Humacao, PR; Resides: Humacao, PR

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1977-Bradenton(Rookie)	.203	34	118	11	24	5	1	1	12	12	22	1
1977-Charleston(A)	.264	21	53	2	14	3	0	0	10	6	13	0
1978-Charleston(A)				(Disabled; did not play)								
1979-Salem(A)	.283	108	396	35	112	21	2	5	66	26	55	0
1980-Buffalo(AA)	.346	126	515	79	178	25	1	12	78	43	57	7
1980-Portland(AAA)	.111	8	27	1	3	0	1	0	3	1	3	0
1981-Portland(AAA)	.269	105	346	49	93	14	7	2	46	25	33	5
1982-Portland(AAA)	.292	124	449	46	131	22	0	6	57	34	61	4
1982 Pittsburgh(NL)	.200	7	15	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	3	0
Major League Totals	.200	7	15	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	3	0

Gary Rajsich 21

OF-1B, 6-2, 206 lbs., L-L,
Born: 10-28-54, Youngstown, OH; Resides: Phoenix, AZ

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1976-Covington(Rookie)	.221	66	244	33	54	8	3	6	27	27	61	13
1977-Cocoa(A)	.245	136	486	50	119	19	5	8	53	36	91	22
1978-Charleston(AAA)	.230	46	126	19	29	4	1	2	13	17	20	3
1978-Columbus(AA)	.241	80	286	37	69	12	5	7	34	29	57	14
1979-Columbus(AA)	.293	66	232	43	68	25	4	14	53	23	33	6
1979-Charleston(AAA)	.206	65	218	27	45	8	2	6	28	24	27	2
1980-Tucson(AAA)	.321	134	445	94	143	22	14	21	99	87	41	12
1981-Tidewater(AAA)	.277	74	253	47	70	11	1	24	56	28	52	6
1982-Mets(NL)	.259	80	162	17	42	8	3	2	12	17	40	1
Major League Totals	.259	80	162	17	42	8	3	2	12	17	40	1

GW-RBI: 1982-1. Total-1

Ronn Reynolds 8

C, 6-0, 200 lbs., R-R,
Born: 9-28-58, Wichita, KS; Resides: Wichita, KS

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1980-Little Falls(A)	.182	15	44	6	8	1	1	1	8	10	8	0
1980-Lynchburg(A)	.200	36	105	14	21	3	0	2	17	13	17	0
1981-Jackson(AA)	.235	88	272	16	64	12	1	2	30	28	59	0
1982-Jackson(AA)	.255	123	431	50	110	13	1	10	42	50	66	9
1982-Mets(NL)	.000	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Major League Totals	.000	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0

Tom Seaver 41

RHP, 6-1, 206 lbs., R-R,
Born: 11-17-44, Fresno, CA; Resides: Greenwich, CT

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1966-Jacksonville(AAA)	12-12	3.13	34	32	10	4	0	210	184	87	73	66	188
1967-METS(NL)	16-13	2.76	35	34	18	2	0	251	224	85	77	76	170
1968-METS(NL)	16-12	2.20	36	35	14	5	0	278	224	73	68	48	205
1969-METS(NL)	25-7	2.21	36	35	18	5	0	273	202	75	67	82	208
1970-METS(NL)	18-12	2.81	37	36	19	2	0	291	230	103	91	83	283
1971-METS(NL)	20-10	1.76	36	35	21	4	0	286	210	61	56	61	289
1972-METS(NL)	21-12	2.92	35	35	13	3	0	262	215	92	85	77	249
1973-METS(NL)	19-10	2.08	36	36	18	3	0	290	219	74	67	64	251
1974-METS(NL)	11-11	3.20	32	32	12	5	0	236	199	89	84	75	201
1975-METS(NL)	22-9	2.38	36	36	15	5	0	280	217	81	74	88	243
1976-METS(NL)	14-11	2.59	35	34	13	5	0	271	211	83	78	77	235
1977-METS-Cin(NL)	21-6	2.59	33	33	19	7	0	261	199	78	75	66	196
1978-Cincinnati(NL)	16-14	2.87	36	36	8	1	0	260	218	97	83	89	226
1979-Cincinnati(NL)	16-6	3.14	32	32	9	5	0	215	187	85	75	61	131
1980-Cincinnati(NL)	10-8	3.64	26	26	5	1	0	168	140	74	68	59	101
1981-Cincinnati(NL)	14-2	2.55	23	23	6	1	0	166	120	51	47	66	87
1982-Cincinnati(NL)	5-13	5.50	21	21	0	0	0	111.1	136	75	68	44	62
Major League Totals	264-156	2.68	525	519	208	54	0	3899.1	3151	1276	1163	1118	3137

Doug Sisk 39

RHP, 6-2, 210 lbs., R-R,
Born: 9-26-57, Renton, WA; Resides: Tacoma, WA

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1980-Kingsport(Rookie)	8-5	2.66	15	15	4	0	0	98.	91	46	29	45	41
1981-Lynchburg(A)	3-2	3.25	36	1	0	0	7	83.	78	35	30	32	61
1981-Jackson(AA)	3-0	3.60	14	0	0	0	4	25.	23	11	10	12	15
1982-Jackson(AA)	11-7	2.67	44	9	6	0	5	138.	136	59	41	58	53
1982-Mets(NL)	0-1	1.04	8	0	0	0	1	8.2	5	1	1	4	4
Major League Totals	0-1	1.04	8	0	0	0	1	8.2	5	1	1	4	4

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Rusty Staub 10

1B-OF, 6-0, 225 lbs., L-R,
Born: 4-14-44, New Orleans, LA; Resides: Houston, TX

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1962-Durham (A)	.293	140	509	115	149	20	4	23	93	116	53	9
1963-Houston (NL)	.224	150	513	43	115	17	4	6	45	59	58	0
1964-Houston (NL)	.216	89	292	26	63	10	2	8	35	21	31	1
1964-Oklahoma City (AAA)	.314	71	226	55	71	13	1	20	45	44	32	1
1965-Houston (NL)	.256	131	410	43	105	20	1	14	63	52	57	3
1966-Houston (NL)	.280	153	554	60	155	28	3	13	81	58	61	2
1967-Houston (NL)	.333	149	546	71	182	44	1	10	74	60	47	0
1968-Houston (NL)	.291	161	591	54	172	37	1	6	72	73	57	2
1969-Montreal (NL)	.302	158	549	89	166	26	5	29	79	110	61	3
1970-Montreal (NL)	.274	160	569	98	156	23	7	30	94	112	93	12
1971-Montreal (NL)	.311	162	599	94	186	34	6	19	97	74	42	9
1972-New York (NL)	.293	66	239	32	70	11	0	9	38	31	13	0
1973-New York (NL)	.279	152	585	77	163	36	1	15	76	74	52	1
1974-New York (NL)	.258	151	561	65	145	22	2	19	78	77	39	2
1975-New York (NL)	.282	155	574	93	162	30	4	19	105	77	55	2
1976-Detroit (AL)	.299	161	589	73	176	28	3	15	96	83	49	3
1977-Detroit (AL)	.278	158	623	84	173	34	3	22	101	59	47	1
1978-Detroit (AL)	.273	162	642	75	175	30	1	24	121	76	35	3
1979-Detroit (AL)	.236	68	246	32	58	12	1	9	40	32	18	1
1979-Montreal (NL)	.267	38	86	9	23	3	0	3	14	14	10	0
1980-Texas (AL)	.300	109	340	42	102	23	2	9	55	39	18	1
1981-Mets (NL)	.317	70	161	9	51	9	0	5	21	22	12	1
1982-Mets (NL)	.242	112	219	11	53	9	0	3	27	24	10	0
Major League Totals	.279	2715	9488	1180	2651	486	47	287	1412	1227	865	47

GW-RBI: 1980-4; 1981-4; 1982-4. Total-12

John Stearns 12

C, 6-0, 180 lbs., R-R,
Born: 8-21-51, Denver, CO; Resides: Roslyn, NY

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1973-Reading (AA)	.241	67	166	28	40	7	4	3	24	46	26	2
1974-Rocky Mount (A)	.343	62	230	41	79	16	4	4	38	41	14	6
1974-Toledo (AAA)	.266	77	278	34	74	9	2	3	28	26	25	6
1974-Philadelphia (NL)	.500	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1975-Mets (NL)	.189	59	169	25	32	5	1	3	10	17	15	4
1976-Mets (NL)	.262	32	103	13	27	6	0	2	10	16	11	1
1976-Tidewater (AAA)	.310	102	332	64	103	17	2	10	45	71	29	11
1977-Mets (NL)	.251	139	431	52	108	25	1	12	55	77	76	9
1978-Mets (NL)	.264	143	477	65	126	24	1	15	73	70	57	25
1979-Mets (NL)	.243	155	538	58	131	29	2	9	66	52	57	15
1980-Mets (NL)	.285	91	319	42	91	25	1	0	45	33	24	7
1981-Mets (NL)	.271	80	273	25	74	12	1	1	24	24	17	12
1982-Mets (NL)	.293	98	352	46	103	25	3	4	28	30	35	17
Major League Totals	.260	798	2664	326	693	151	10	46	311	319	292	90

GW-RBI: 1980-4; 1981-4; 1982-2. Total-10

Darryl Strawberry 18

OF, 6-6, 190 lbs., L-L,
Born: 3-12-62, Los Angeles, CA; Resides: Los Angeles, CA

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1980-Kingsport (Rookie)	.268	44	157	27	42	5	2	5	20	20	39	5
1981-Lynchburg (A)	.255	123	420	84	107	22	6	13	78	82	105	31
1982-Jackson (AA)	.283	129	435	93	123	19	9	34	97	100	145	45

Craig Swan 27

RHP, 6-3, 210 lbs., R-R,
Born: 11-30-50, Van Nuys, CA; Resides: Greenwich, CT

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1972-Memphis (AA)	7-3	2.24	14	14	6	0	0	108.	102	28	27	26	81
1973-Tidewater (AAA)	7-5	2.34	16	14	8	4	1	100.	88	30	26	25	79
1973-Mets (NL)	0-1	9.00	3	1	0	0	0	8.	16	9	8	2	4
1974-Mets (NL)	1-3	4.50	7	5	0	0	0	30.	28	19	15	21	10
1974-Tidewater (AAA)	2-3	4.73	9	9	2	0	0	51.	53	29	27	17	31
1975-Tidewater (AAA)	13-7	2.24	26	24	13	4	2	177.	136	48	44	38	111
1975-Mets (NL)	1-3	6.39	6	6	0	0	0	31.	38	22	22	13	19
1976-Mets (NL)	6-9	3.55	23	22	2	1	0	132.	129	64	52	44	89
1977-Mets (NL)	9-10	4.22	26	24	2	1	0	147.	153	76	69	56	71
1978-Mets (NL)	9-6	2.43	29	28	5	1	0	207.	164	62	56	58	125
1979-Mets (NL)	14-13	3.30	35	35	10	3	0	251.	241	102	92	57	145
1980-Mets (NL)	5-9	3.59	21	21	4	1	0	128.	117	59	51	30	79
1981-Mets (NL)	0-2	3.21	5	3	0	0	0	14.	10	6	5	1	9
1982-Mets (NL)	11-7	3.35	37	21	2	0	1	166.1	165	70	62	37	67
Major League Totals	56-63	3.49	192	166	25	7	1	1114.1	1061	489	432	319	618

Walt Terrell 49

RHP, 6-2, 205 lbs., L-R,
Born: 5-11-58, Jeffersonville, IN; Resides: Jeffersonville, IN

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1980-Sarasota (A)	3-2	1.42	7	5	1	1	0	38.	20	11	6	12	23
1980-Asheville (A)	1-1	6.75	3	2	0	0	0	8.	11	9	6	8	5
1981-Tulsa (AA)	15-7	3.10	27	26	5	2	0	174.	158	74	60	63	123
1982-Tidewater (AAA)	7-8	3.96	21	20	3	0	0	138.2	130	69	61	72	74
1982-Mets (NL)	0-3	3.43	3	3	0	0	0	21.	22	12	8	14	8
Major League Totals	0-3	3.43	3	3	0	0	0	21.	22	12	8	14	8

Rusty Tillman 34

OF, 6-0, 200 lbs., R-R,
Born: 8-29-60, Jacksonville, FL; Resides: Atlantic Beach, FL

YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1979-Little Falls (A)	.318	6	22	4	7	0	1	0	4	3	2	5
1979-Grays Harbor (A)	.295	60	217	33	64	10	1	3	30	34	42	18
1980-Lynchburg (A)	.316	135	526	94	166	27	11	8	79	46	90	43
1981-Jackson (AA)	.278	122	464	66	129	21	4	6	59	24	92	29
1982-Tidewater (AAA)	.322	108	404	60	130	10	6	5	54	37	57	26
1982-Mets (NL)	.154	12	13	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	0
Major League Totals	.154	12	13	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	0

GW-RBI: 1982-0. Total-0

Mike Torrez 30

RHP, 6-5, 210 lbs., R-R,
Born: 8-28-46, Topeka, KS; Resides: White Plains, NY

YEAR CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1965-Raleigh (A)	4-8	4.79	20	18	5	0	0	94.	92	66	50	75	81
1966-Rock Hill (A)	7-4	2.50	15	11	4	1	0	90.	63	35	25	37	85
1966-Little Rock (AAA)	3-9	2.62	15	14	2	0	0	79.	73	44	23	42	65
1967-Tulsa (AAA)	10-10	3.32	29	28	6	2	0	190.	152	82	70	108	155
1967-St. Louis (NL)	0-1	3.00	3	1	0	0	0	6.	5	2	2	1	5
1968-St. Louis (NL)	2-1	2.84	5	2	0	0	0	19.	20	7	6	12	6
1968-Tulsa (AAA)	8-2	3.24	16	13	4	1	0	86.	74	33	31	36	82
1969-St. Louis (NL)	10-4	3.58	24	15	3	0	0	108.	96	47	43	62	61
1970-St. Louis (NL)	8-10	4.22	30	28	5	1	0	179.	168	96	84	103	100
1971-Winnipeg (AAA)	2-4	8.16	18	11	1	0	0	75.	96	72	68	45	52
1971-StL-Mtl (NL)	1-2	5.54	10	6	0	0	0	39.	45	27	24	31	10
1972-Montreal (NL)	16-12	3.33	34	33	13	0	0	243.	215	97	90	103	112
1973-Montreal (NL)	9-12	4.46	35	34	3	1	0	208.	207	116	103	115	90
1974-Montreal (NL)	15-8	3.58	32	30	6	1	0	186.	184	90	74	84	92
1975-Baltimore (AL)	20-9	3.05	36	36	16	2	0	272.	238	103	92	133	119
1976-Oakland (AL)	16-12	2.50	39	39	13	4	0	266.	231	93	74	87	115
1977-Oak-NY (AL)	17-13	3.89	35	35	17	2	0	243.	235	113	105	86	102
1978-Boston (AL)	16-13	3.96	36	36	15	2	0	250.	272	122	110	99	120
1979-Boston (AL)	16-13	4.49	36	36	12	1	0	252.	254	144	126	121	125
1980-Boston (AL)	9-16	5.08	36	32	6	1	0	207.	256	124	117	75	97
1981-Boston (AL)	10-3	3.68	22	22	2	0	0	127.	130	61	52	51	54
1982-Boston (AL)	9-9	5.23	31	31	1	0	0	176.	196	107	102	74	84
AL TOTALS	113-88	3.90	271	267	82	12	0	1794.	1812	867	778	726	816
NL TOTALS	61-50	3.88	173	149	30	3	0	988.	940	482	426	511	476
Major League Totals	174-138	3.90	444	416	112	15	0	2782.	2752	1349	1204	1237	1292

Mookie Wilson 1

OF, 5-10, 168 lbs., SW-R,
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YEAR CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1977-Wausau (A)	.290	68	245	50	71	10	2	6	32	33	57	23
1978-Jackson (AA)	.292	132	497	72	145	13	15	7	72	39	70	38
1979-Tidewater (AAA)	.267	141	529	84	141	22	10	5	36	45	91	49
1980-Tidewater (AAA)	.295	132	515	92	152	11	14	4	44	44	86	50
1980-Mets (NL)	.248	27	105	16	26	5	3	0	4	12	19	7
1981-Mets (NL)	.271	92	328	49	89	8	8	3	14	20	59	24
1982-Mets (NL)	.279	159	639	90	178	25	9	5	55	32	102	58
Major League Totals	.273	278	1072	155	293	38	20	8	73	64	180	89

GW-RBI: 1980-0; 1981-2; 1982-5. Total-7

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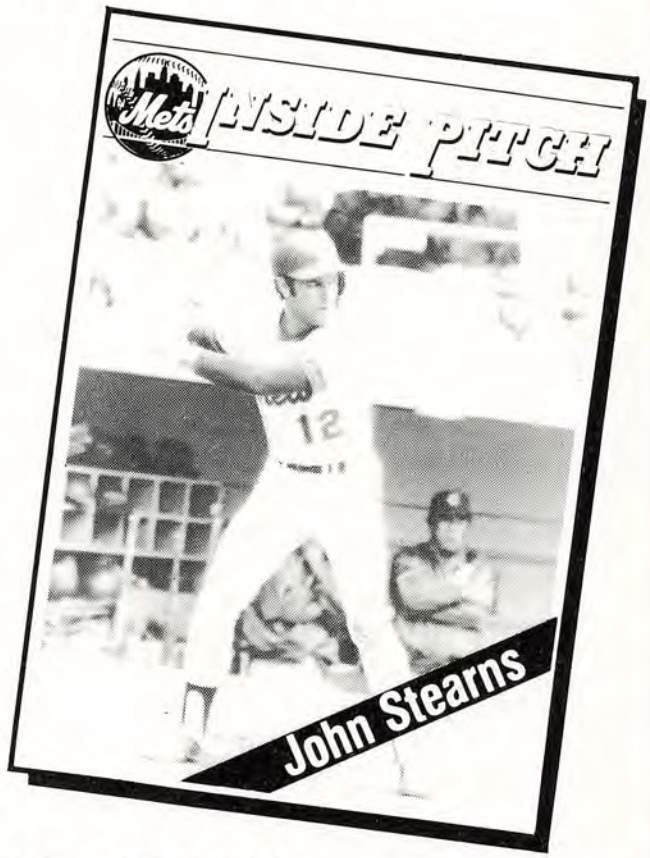

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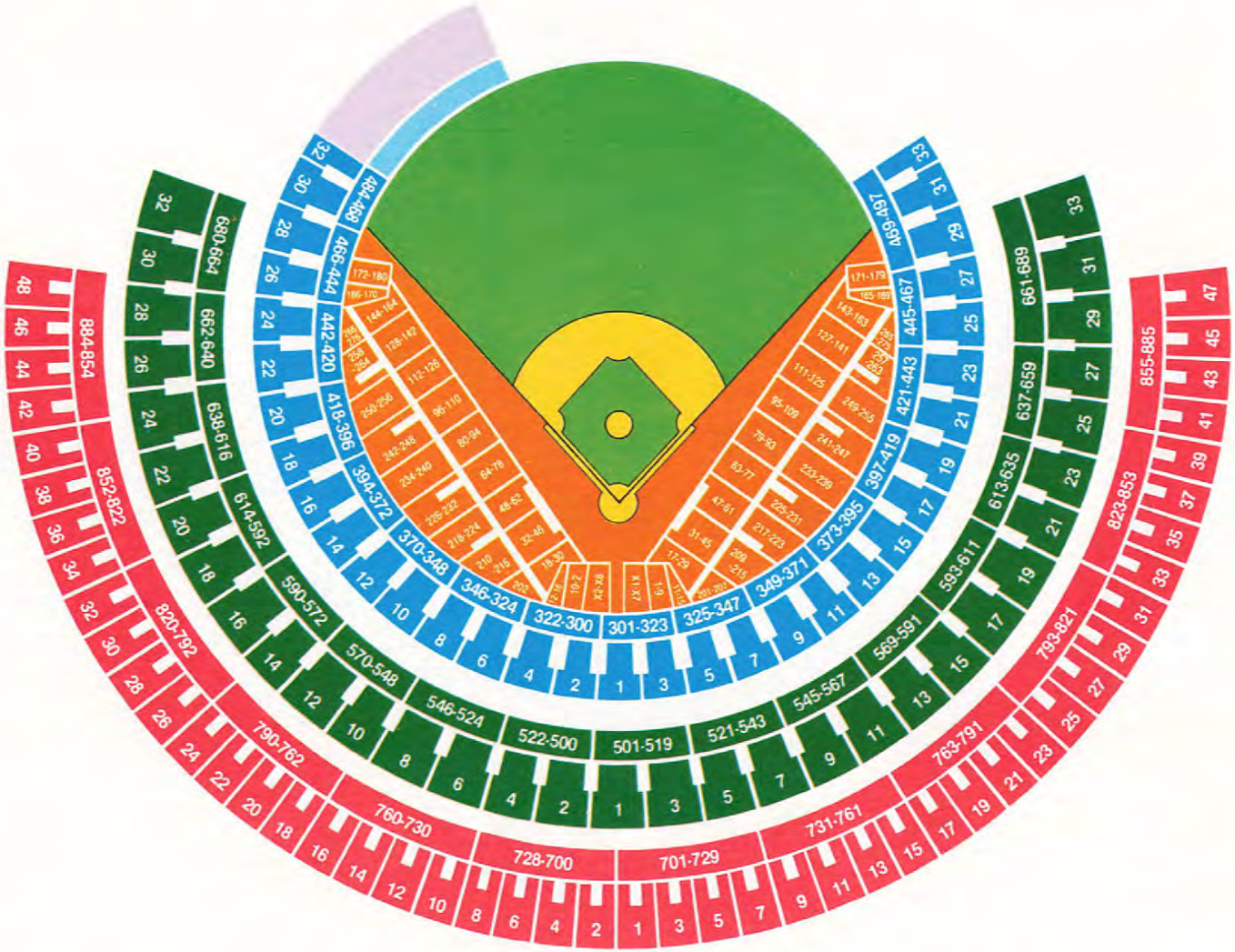

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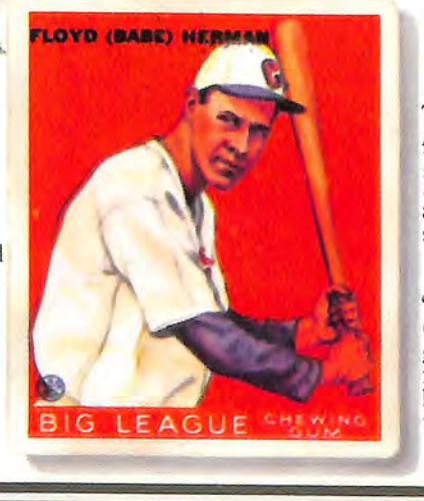

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